Crystal Clear Reflections

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Forward

Tarot Divination has long been used as a guide in the form of "imagery". The study of Metaphysics and Tarot can be traced as far back as 469 BC to Socrates a Greek Philosopher who was known for his references to the "sign" or what we call "intuition" which he characterized as "a phenomenon" whose origin was divine, mysterious and independent of his own thoughts - "divine" inspiration that gave him, and people like him, access to higher insights about reality.

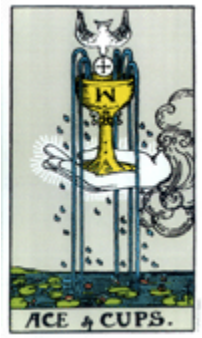
The term Metaphysics (meta="after" physics) or "beyond the physical" was associated with Aristotle, a Greek Philosopher, in his writings about his teacher Plato who was a student of Socrates. He referred to Metaphysics as "first philosophy" or "the theologic science". His work "Metaphysics" is considered to be one of the greatest philosophical works and was the beginning of works which are known as "Aristotle's Metaphysics". The Middle Books (Zeta, Eta and Theta) are considered the "core" of Metaphysics. Aristotle counseled Alexander the Great and two other future Kings – Ptolemy & Cassander with the use of his metaphysical symbolism.

In my studies I came across an old manuscript "Meditations on the Tarot: A Journey into Christian Hermeticism" – originally published anonymously - so that the works could "speak for themselves". Data from this manuscript began my 13 year effort to incorporate the works of the many Masters of Tarot into one powerful source which could be used by the Reader to develop their own personal understanding of the meanings of the cards – using the various references as a guide.

"Energy" is the focus of Crystal Clear Reflection Tarot Divinations. The energy we carry with us from past experiences is stored in our subconscious mind as a memory. This energy regenerates itself as a "feeling" any time a current situation begins to reveal "signs or flags" which are similar to a past experience. These feelings convey an important message for those who are willing to listen - they are "red or green lights" helping us to choose how we wish to proceed in current situations.

As we come to know and become familiar with our own energy - we begin to connect to the energy that surrounds us - we learn to distinguish between our own energy and the energy of someone entering our "space". This awareness helps us determine our response. The TAROT cards provide a "picture" of the energy surrounding your situation - a picture which views your situation from different perspectives - helping you to "see" things in a new light.

I am using the imagery from the Waite-Rider Tarot Deck because the images are very simple, while the details and backgrounds hold a wealth of symbolism. Some text and the "Special Messages" sections were derived from the Karmic Tarot, by William C. Lammey. Some text and the "Questions to Answer" section was derived from works by Mary K. Greer, a Grandmaster of the American Tarot.



Ace of Cups

Emotional and creative beginnings - the experience of joy, transcendent love and happiness. Your mind is filled with the spirit of love - you have the capacity to accurately express the internal feelings you experience. It is time for you to open your psychic, spiritual and unconscious channels. Be receptive to all the hopes and doubt that arise when you pursue any goal. FEEL your *"inner"* connection - your desire to nurture your goal along. Pay attention to the little details and you will be blessed with spiritual sensitivity and insight. Emotional fulfillment, perfection and blessings.

Your *"emotional"* acceptance is required before any project can develop and flourish. LOVE gives your life meaning - it represents your clear, open, trusting, spiritual heart. This is the commencement of a love affair - developments that will effect your home and result in happiness. Emotional potential applying to relationships and creative projects. May be a proposal of love or of marriage - the offering of oneself to another. The offering of oneself to the world through one's talents and energies. Ecstasy is yours if you have the courage to completely live out the full range of all your emotions - do not sensor or deny any feeling - they are all divine. Ecstasy is emotional intensity that comes from truly living and living is *"feeling"* - feel everything! Live life in all its passion and boredom, in all its pleasure and fear, in all its quiet satisfaction and raging anger, in all its ups and downs - be totally living and loving. Be emotionally honest - feel your deep spirituality and love completely. The successful completion of an emotional or creative matter to the highest of standards. God's message delivered straight to the heart - God's grace. Emotional, creative nourishment - cleansing, healing, happiness with relationships and self - expression.

Questions to Answer:

1. What is making you feel good right now?
2. What would you like to do to indulge yourself?
3. What or who is offering you nurturing or love?
4. What messages are you receiving from your dreams and visions?
5. What does your heart feel most open to?

Special Messages:

- **Swords on all sides**: Present conditions in your home have not been settled.
- **Next to Wheel of Fortune**: Your financial affairs will improve now - there will be additional income.
- **Next to Lovers**: Expect a definite improvement in your family affairs.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Initiation and achievement on the Emotional Plane - relationships and/or creative endeavors, will predominate. It falls to you to find original expression for your feelings and perhaps to assist others likewise, although a highly public life is not necessary with this card. However, what comes from you in this lifetime may eventually effect many.

In the second position: Acceptance of the spirit of a guide or a strong aspect self from a past life, fully appropriate to this life path. Physical/material achievement based on emotional/creative resources. Brilliant originality in practical affairs along with proper motives. Nothing done at the expense of others, rather with full consideration of others and of nature.

In the third position: This is a time of emotional blessings, gifts from others, cleansing, healing, invigoration. A new emotional beginning. A successful conclusion to an emotional issue or creative project of long standing.

In the fourth position: The love of loving, of nurturing, of caring, of creating - all as facets of the desire to give of oneself. Infusion at an early age with spirit of universal love. Here one wants to be a *"source"*.

In the fifth position: You are clear, fresh and confident - the possibility of a new start. Here are plans for a creative project, possibilities of a new relationship, as the mind dedicates itself to matters at the emotional level. The mind is in love, kindly disposed to self and others. Universal love permeates your immediate plans, your approach to things.

In the sixth position: Emotional well - being. Sense of belonging, of being in the right place at the right time. Major relationships intact and rewarding. Creativity and energy levels at a peak.

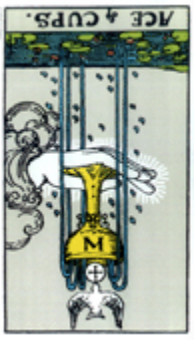
In the seventh position: Wide, clear opening of the Heart, the Solar Plexus and/or the Genital Chakras. Emotional balance and creative purity par excellence.

In the eighth position: Emotional/creative abundance. Highly energized situation. Beginning of a new love or project or the

carrying of it to a supreme level.

In the ninth position: Wide, clear opening of the Heart, the Solar Plexus and/or the Genital Chakras. Emotional balance and creative purity par excellence.

In the tenth position: Breath of fresh air. New emotions, new opportunities. A sense of being loved, of being able to love.



Ace of Cups (R)

Non-activity is draining your energy. You are bored - you need *"change"* and new goals. Your life is at a standstill. You are feeling depressed, unwanted and you need a spiritual uplift. You are experiencing difficulty with a new beginning or the completion of an old emotional issue and it is creating a blockage in the heart, genital or solar plexus chakra. There may be too much of an opening or a problem with timing. You can bring about your own unhappiness by not recognizing what life has to offer you or by reacting violently when what you really need is *"calm"*. When it *"appears"* that life has turned against you - accept that problems as well as joy are a natural part of the life experience. It is time for you to allow your *"Inner"* Self to explore and find a purpose. Experience your emotional balance - be willing now to nurture, support, comfort and heal yourself in equal proportions to how you would nurture, support, comfort and heal another. Trust your feelings - express them openly without over-extending or over-protecting yourself emotionally. Demonstrate your love with a clear, trusting, open heart.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Creative drive, feelings may be so profound that acceptance and expression are difficult. This includes the *"problem"* of being too attractive - to people, to information, etc.

In the second position: Difficulty moving forward, a block with an emotional or creative beginning or completion. Physical matters have been too subordinated to the emotional. Check suitability of all inner influence, such as from guides, past lives, readings and the like.

In the third position: Allow for time to take its course with emotional matters, for the energy you require to build up. This suggests the need for patience if you have been trying to push an issue. On the other hand, if you have been laid back or far too passive, the suggestion could be the opposite and you may need to move more quickly and aggressively. Give where love is needed. Take where love is offered.

In the fourth position: Innocence, leading to a falling in love that is not advantageous. Possibly overly affected by the ideal of universal love or by some form of external input, less appropriate to this Karmic Contract. Caution - the love of giving must be balanced with the love of receiving. Examine motivations for wanting to be a *"source"*.

In the fifth position: You may be concerned with or actually causing a delay with a relationship or your creative potential. How do you begin? A review and clarification of motives may be at root.

In the sixth position: Flood of emotions. Your evaluation of your relationships or of your creativity, may be at odds with that of others. Be fair with yourself and others.

In the seventh position: Guard against a fear of love, of happiness. Learn here to accept what is at hand.

In the eighth position: Energy in situation may be too great or inappropriate. Difficulty with the beginning of an emotional/ creative matter. Perhaps just short of an emotional expectation.

In the ninth position: There may be too much activity in the Heart, Solar Plexus and/or Genital Chakras or in all three. There may be some discomfort, pain or the sweet pain of too much pleasure. The discomfort may come from these chakras being too closed rather than too open.

In the tenth position: You will be either pushed forward at a faster pace or held back at a slower pace, in your Emotional Plane.

Whatever is necessary to compensate for your potential behavior in the near future, you may say in the next year.

Ace of Pentacles

The physical/material beginning of things - the ultimate and successful completion of physical/material matters to the highest standards. It is time for you to ground your creative energy into material gain, contentment and the fulfillment of your hopes, wishes and desires. Allow yourself to experience the ultimate balance - mental, emotional, spiritual and physical success resulting in a joyful life. Bring together all your internal and external resources and talents. Everything is great now and successful ventures are possible if you start with a good foundation. You have the stability and skills required to get results. You can silently visualize your hoped-for results, decide how to use them in a new way and then stubbornly keep at it until you see it in final form. Experience the fruits of your labor - it is your spiritual work which leads you to recognize the magic in normal things. Move beyond that to an even greater knowledge. When you are ready, the Gateway will always open to the truth. You will receive important information soon. Set your goals, plan how to achieve them - then act on your plans. Nurture them with patience - complete the task and reward yourself.

Perfection - blessings and good fortune. Excellent health. The possibility of new business ventures or a new physical regimen. Accept your physical prowess, your superiority. Experience your independence and self-sufficiency - your ability to provide, to produce. It is time for you to express your greatest physical potential.

Questions to Answer:

1. What new opportunities for work, stability, home, money or health do you have?
2. What is making you feel secure and grounded?
3. How can you use a recent gift?
4. What plan are you putting in motion?
5. What kinds of seeds are you planting?
6. How are you being rewarded for your accomplishments?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Sun or upright Wheel**: There will be great personal happiness in some endeavor.
- **Lovers and Ten of Cups in the spread**: Indicates a major step in your life, an important union - marriage.
- **Three Sword cards**: You may be biting off more than you can chew - consider everything before becoming involved.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Life will require substantial achievement in physical and material matters.

In the second position: Abundant resources. Good health record. Support systems in place and working.

In the third position: Material/physical success in the offing. Enjoy - a new beginning or successful completion with great satisfaction on the Physical/material Plane. Realize and accept the strength of your position. It is important for you to begin or finish on time.

In the fourth position: Desire to be first, to make things happen, to be successful materially/physically. A passion for setting records or for physical perfection.

In the fifth position: Planning a new start, new venture or completing an old one. Cashing in your chips, liquefying assets, mobilizing resources for a new phase. Content with your physical/ material situation. Physical/material plans are solid.

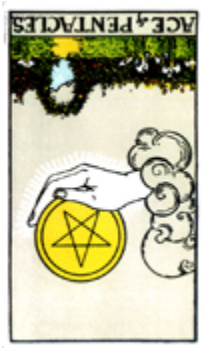
In the sixth position: Pressure of success, effect on relationships and/or creativity. Pressure/effect of new start. Desire for truth and deeper understanding of material world. Environmentalism asserts itself.

In the seventh position: Excitement, lure of a new venture. Test of your resolve. Drawn to material/physical perfection.

In the eighth position: Success, good health and rewards are at hand. Major departure or new beginning.

In the ninth position: Yearning for a new beginning or a successful completion in the Physical Plane. Enjoyment of or desire for good fortune, good health, physical prowess.

In the tenth position: This information will help you with implementing the healthy challenges of a new venture. Knowing your Material Plane will be graced is to allow your attentions to focus on the other planes.



Ace of Pentacles (R)

Difficulty getting a project started or finished on time or to your satisfaction. Inability to handle a basic, debilitating fear. Accept that you are capable of making the wrong choices and use your gifts of practical organization. Trust your *"inner"* voice now. Draw off your *"inner"* strengths to manifest what you want in both the internal and external worlds. The time has come for you to leave the familiar behind and travel through the Gateway to the mountains of wisdom. You have learned how material gifts can be abused by selfishness, by extreme competition or mistrust, by an over-dependency on security and comfort. Use this knowledge and wisdom to deal with your problems. It is time for you to move on - grow up and assert your independence.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Part of your lesson may be in how well you handle the outstanding degree to which you succeed - how you handle wealth or it could concern how you succeed without abundance.

In the second position: Resources may be so strong or prior physical success so great, that it may be somehow counter productive for future needs. Resources may be inadequate or inappropriate for present/future needs.

In the third position: A delay on a major new project necessary; be patient. Difficulty with completion to standards. The type or level of success will be less than expected. Prepare/accept - success surpassing expectations presents its own set of problems.

In the fourth position: Drawn to success for the sake of success or may be subconsciously drawn to failure, as a negative misunderstanding of the positive role of passivity.

In the fifth position: Procrastinating a new beginning or delaying a completion. Check timing. Could be starting too soon or finishing too late. Not content with basics of situation - there is a possible flaw in your material/physical plans.

In the sixth position: How to handle frustrations with material Plane or difficulties with new beginnings? Careful not to make your creative, emotional standards unrealistically high or your material appetite too large. Don't compromise your standards either.

In the seventh position: Fear of a new venture - of success. Problem with things never being good enough. Difficulty/fear of getting started. Also difficulty with completion, especially to a standard, most likely your own. Unreasonable fear of the earth plane, of the environment, nature, animals, elements, rudimentary spirits.

In the eighth position: Less success, less good health, less rewards than you would like. New beginning on hold, perhaps blocked or success could so far exceed expectations as to bring its own circumstances to handle.

In the ninth position: Present physical situation, plans or outcomes, may be offering some distress to the heart.

In the tenth position: A delay in the future is necessary on a major new project - be patient. Difficulty with completion to your standards. The type/level of success will be less than expected. Success surpassing expectations presents its own set of problems.

Ace of Swords

Intellect, true perception and mental clarity. Your mind is balanced, receptive and has moved through doubt and confusion into expanded awareness. The beginning or successful completion of mental matters to the highest standards. The arrival of new concepts or proposals. Intellectual fulfillment, perfection, blessings - awards for mental achievement. Clarity of thought. Peel away the masks now - cut through the *"illusions"* and analyze what needs to be done using your logic. Take the necessary steps to implement your ideas and actualize your important dream or purpose. Believe in your minds ability to be brilliant, let it shine through your passion and interest. Judge the pros and cons of various methods, research the information you need and cut through the unnecessary details. Keep focused on the point and develop your idea systematically. Success is now taking root - STOP WORRYING - this is the beginning of something new. Put all your energy into new plans and new ideas. Keep your thoughts on the happiness of tomorrow - you can make it happen if you want to.

Wisdom leads you beyond the illusions and limitations to the spiritual truths contained within life. Intellect alone, without intuition - leads only to more illusion. You need LOVE if you wish to find spiritual truth. Your intellect takes you beyond the *"immediate"* emotional experience - truth and awareness come from a deeper level of spiritual values and experience, leading you back to Spirit. Your emotions are a *"gift"*, they enable you to experience life intensely while they remain hard to hold on to and even harder to direct. Your intellect helps you pierce through the fog to give you a clear understanding of the real facts.

You are highly analytical, rational, self-assured now. You have developed excellent communication, administration and teaching/learning skills. Intense focus on what interests you will bring insightful clarity. Trust your imagination, become creative and open your mind. Use your logical reasoning to put your ideas into a workable order - then refine them so that they appeal to others. Allow your Throat Chakra to open and develop, for it connects you to the shaft of light which illuminates the mind and aligns the seven chakras with words of truth. Your communication becomes visible, conscious and delivered through external means. Your mind knows the truth and the information you are receiving is reliable.

Questions to Answer:

1. What new problem are you confronting?
2. What is on your mind?
3. What do you need to analyze?
4. Are you being just and fair?
5. What decision do you need to face?
6. Can you determine the truth of the matter?
7. What legal, writing or research opportunities have been presented to you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to World**: You are reluctant to accept the advice of others, considering any offer of help as interference. Correct this obstinate attitude.
- **Next to Hierophant**: Do not divide your concentration - set your sights on one specific goal, then center all your energy on it and your life will improve.
- **Next to Wheel of Fortune**: Each turn "appears" to be a dead end - you are feeling hopeless, like there is no way out. It is time to begin again - this time don't be distracted from your goal.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is to transmit from above to below - the role of the scribe, prophet or communicator. Your life purpose will seem to be that of observer as you allow yourself and your energy to help get the message across to your fellow man.

In the second position: Originality, appropriateness of ideas. Profound knowledge of the body, finances, business, the workings of nature and such. Good education, communication, organizational skills. Mental leadership.

In the third position: Be assertive. Communicate now what you already know or have planned. Use the kundalini energy from your healthy alignment of opened chakras. Intuition is vivid and reliable. Guides may be very obvious or even visible.

In the fourth position: Your first love belongs to the mental level, not the emotional. A passion for knowledge, order and discipline, seeing things work well. You enjoy communicating in all its forms - talking, writing, computers. Facilitating the exchange of ideas propels you. Your personal loves and family life must satisfy these criteria.

In the fifth position: Present idea is on target and confidence is appropriate. New input is reliable - you can accept responsibility. You are moving correctly and timely in accordance with your beliefs and they are centered with universal truth.

In the sixth position: Impact of mental clarity, new ideas or realization of long held goal on the Emotional Plane affecting relationships and/or creativity. A breakthrough in understanding your emotions. Clarity and order prevail as light is shed on previously dark corners.

In the seventh position: Lower and higher mind meet, as ego comes to grips with Ego. You are pulled to higher sources of knowledge. Ending of old, beginning of new, mental endeavors. Universal truth asserts itself on your personal path, as you see more clearly than ever before, using the sword to lift the veil.

In the eighth position: Body very healthy in support of clear thinking. Timing good for major step forward with plans. Order and discipline prevail. Major completion/new beginning involving mental disciplines in your Physical Plane. Beginning yoga, meditation, new education, new schedule, new careers related to the Suit of Swords are examples. Healthy criticism, discernment in effect.

In the ninth position: Heart, subconscious, gut feelings strong and sure on the reliability of present situation or question at hand. Deep inside, you are confident and want to act. Idea developing in back of your mind, put forward by your heart. Instincts are accurate.

In the tenth position: A mental breakthrough lies ahead, within a year at the most. Bring divergent thoughts under one roof and organize for better control and more efficient output.

Ace of Swords (R)

Difficulty with the early stages of formulating an idea, a plan or your goals. The confusion of too many ideas or the indecision of too few - creating trouble with completion. Your mental talents must fit the situation - see if you are too strong or too weak for the situation at hand. Sometimes, experiencing a negative is necessary in order to achieve something better, triggering the strength of your mind into action. Never use pressure to achieve your goals. Check everything, look for any weak areas in your plans and make them carefully. Never be hasty - take the time to make sure everything is in its proper order and always remember that there are two sides to everything.

Unabashed honesty at an unnecessary moment. Outright lies when truth is crucial. When your grip on reality fails - it brings with it illusion, overpowering emotions, confused ideas and mixed feelings. Without a clear sense of your reality - your mind can fall prey to mistakes created by these emotions. Your problems have become exaggerated and everything, including attractions *"appear"* to be more important than they actually are. Take hold of yourself now - see through the illusions and find a balanced sense of your reality.

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In the second position: Shore up your abilities of mental leadership, originality, knowledge, communication and organization to secure your base of operations and to maximize the present potential.

In the third position: Listen to what others may be telling you. Prepare for major message, for alignment of chakras must occur now for work ahead. Check immediate environment for message already visible but not yet discovered or internalized. May need to subordinate yourself more in present situations.

In the fourth position: Too much mind in your emotional tapes, the love for order and discipline may be inordinate.

In the fifth position: While you may be on target, adjustments for timing or incorporating the ideas, even the leadership of others may be necessary. Question of originality - be careful of plagiarism, distortion of the truth. Check new information, it may be incomplete or inaccurate.

In the sixth position: New ideas, realizations may be incomplete or even faulty. You may have more information than is necessary or even appropriate for the situation at hand.

In the seventh position: Fear intrudes as you realize, through what you have already learned - the immensity of what still lies ahead. Severe distortion of information can throw you off track. You may lack confidence or you may be foolishly overconfident.

In the eighth position: Difficulty beginning or ending project - straighten up, stiffen your backbone, then get on with the

program.

In the ninth position: Gut feeling, subconscious may be either overly optimistic or unreasonably pessimistic. Instincts are either unreliable now or they are so certain, that they have taken over and you are virtually on automatic.

In the tenth position: Allow new input to challenge you - routines must be examined and altered. You may be looking through the wrong end of the telescope. More may have been revealed than you would like; use your internal guidance to know what needs to be done and what will be done - starting now.

Ace of Wands

You are an enlightened being - KNOW it! Live your life to it's fullest. KNOW what gives you energy and vitality and be passionate. Change and expand - see beyond the superficial, material reality. New activities are starting in your business and social affairs - the seed is within your heart. You will experience spiritual self-realization, awakening. You have been given the spirit to begin, the desire to want your ideas to grow and prosper, the first impulse and passionate will to begin a new job, a new way of life or a change in your career. Listen and trust your "Inner Self" - do not rely on the advice of others. Mental strength will be provided through deep understanding and insight. A higher state of awareness teaches you humility, as you come to understand the *"source"* of your bursts of energy and begin to understand that ultimately, you have done nothing to deserve the optimism and greater energy that allows you to overwhelm other people.

Accept any invitation that is offered to you now - look forward to a special letter or telephone call. Important information will be arriving soon. The commencement or completion of a spiritual path or project. Spiritual independence - a true centering on the being within. From here your karmic purposes can unfold gently and completely. You are highly intuitive now. Apparent good luck as you achieve major goals with ease. The opening and development of the Third Eye. The antenna for receiving God's messages of your lessons to be learned.

Questions to Answer:

1. What is inspiring you?
2. What has aroused your passions and desires?
3. How do you want to grow?
4. How do you want to express yourself creatively?
5. What do you feel the impulse to do?
6. Into what is your energy and enthusiasm flowing?
7. What new opportunity is being offered you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Tower**: You are frustrated and tired only because you cannot make your idea or project materialize.
- **Pentacles and Cups on all sides**: Good news is coming - be happy.
- **Next to Devil**: Someone may feel hurt and is not allowing it to show - take some time to analyze your relationships.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: A lifetime of service is the essence of your Karmic Contract. Yours is the ability to cope with major upheavals with relative ease. Make the most of the energy available to help others in their times of trial. There is an easy flow to your nature as you even out the peaks and valleys of everyday life. Source of new message.

In the second position: Strong foundation much in the sense of the marsh reed, which, though it blows easily in the wind, nevertheless remains strong, useful for many purposes. Although perhaps not physically apparent, your resources are inexhaustible due to the depth and breadth of awareness, rooted in your becoming an Initiate.

In the third position: Blessings abound. A spiritual re-birthing is in progress. Begin now to actively integrate spirituality into your daily routine. Enrich all that you do by paying greater attention to the wonder, the lessons, inherent in the simplest of tasks and activities.

In the fourth position: This is not just the love of God, but an infatuation with the ability to communicate intimately with the Divine. The mark of the poet/prophet. A healthy respect/love for your own core of creativity.

In the fifth position: You are at the peak of the conscious integration of your intuition, filled with messages that you understand well and are ready to use. You are very pleased with your status, your progress to this point and with your potential. Yet, it is time for a major new step forward, integrating conscious path-work in every aspect of your life.

In the sixth position: Impact of spiritual blessings/change on your relationships, your creativity and the extension of self.

In the seventh position: The impact of spiritual awareness on your mental affairs. Awakening - lifting of the veil, the opening of your Third-Eye. A challenge to accommodate higher truth, authenticity.

In the eighth position: You are feeling the effects of blessing and renewal throughout your body. The physical changes may be very noticeable and yet in actuality nothing may have altered. Things may be the same, yet entirely different. However, the new mood is most likely to eventually, if not immediately, generate considerable change in your Physical/material Plane.

In the ninth position: You are at the peak of heart awareness, of the accuracy of your gut instincts, of the positive effect of your subconscious. Dream interpretation will be very accurate and helpful. All subconscious activity, inner resources will be very strong and amazingly similar in clarity and subject matter and content to your conscious daily activities. An infusion of the holy spirit.

In the tenth position: A major gate awaits you, not later than a year from now. Get as much old business taken care of as possible, in preparation for a new turn on your path.

Ace of Wands (R)

A true centering on the being within - your karmic purpose can now gently and completely unfold. Awakening - opening of the Third-Eye, receiving God's messages of your lessons to be learned. You may be on the verge of a spiritual breakthrough, but there is a block of some sort. You may be a medium through which a great deal is being accomplished. This channel between you and the firmament may be too efficient and thereby picking up more than is appropriate or it may be inefficient and not picking up all that is meant for you. These inefficiencies will cause obvious difficulties at the lower levels - undirected energy or the inability to direct energy beneficially. Wonder and happiness are all around you - even when you cannot or will not allow yourself to see it.

You are meant to be fully efficient and receiving everything you need to know to be completely successful on your path. Don't give up now, just try again - plan it right and use a little more effort. Release yourself, experience who you are - do not hold back any part of yourself. Stay in your truth, be authentic and do not edit, rehearse or try to abandon who you are. Trust and honor your intuition! See yourself clearly committed to releasing any negativity, blocks or obstacles that are preventing you from actualizing your full potential.

A true centering on the being within - your karmic purpose can now gently and completely unfold. Spiritual roots - successful completion of spiritual matters but possibly not to the highest of standards. You are meant to be fully efficient and receiving everything you need to know to be completely successful on your path.

Questions to Answer:

1. Are you really trying or is there too much activity in your life?
2. Have you experienced too many starts without consolidating your gains, resulting in "clouded joy"?
3. What is inspiring you?
4. What has aroused your passions and desires?
5. How do you want to grow?
6. How do you want to express yourself creatively?
7. What do you feel the impulse to do?
8. Into what is your energy and enthusiasm flowing?
9. What new opportunity is being offered you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Tower**: You are frustrated and tired only because you cannot make your idea or project materialize.
- **Pentacles and Cups on all sides**: Good news is coming - be happy.
- **Next to Devil**: Someone may feel hurt and is not allowing it to show - take the time now to analyze your relationships.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Much of this path will be in how you maintain your balance without an air of detachment or even frivolity. Your living must derive from the path itself, in extreme cases even if it means passing the plate.

In the second position: Some difficulty in starting deliberate work on your path, in implementing the messages you've received. Or, the reverse, that you began in earnest and perhaps too quickly, too forcefully. Listen carefully for updates, elucidation of the original inspiration.

In the third position: Be patient with yourself, with the beginnings of earnest endeavors, with the start of the new you. Allow yourself to be used as a guardian angel for someone else; it may require you to speak or act out of character.

In the fourth position: Dedication to the Divine may be extreme and so dictate every facet of adult life. Or, may be stuck with the symbology of a profound revelation, rather than getting on with the lesson itself.

In the fifth position: Some discomfort/impatience with progress, resulting in delay. Receiving messages, but not fully understanding them.

In the sixth position: Spiritual blessings/change in your relationships, your creativity, your extension of self. The impact may be profound - it may affect others around you as much or more than yourself. Your blessings may have been a conduit for those of others as well.

In the seventh position: On one extreme, not opening fully to what has already been realized. On the other, an acceptance through abstraction as a means to avoid true openness and the change it should bring. Going through the motions.

In the eighth position: A delay in actual physical/material change. The effects of renewal may be astounding, causing a domino effect throughout this plane.

In the ninth position: You are at the peak of heart awareness, of the accuracy of your gut instincts, of the positive effect of your subconscious - an infusion of the holy spirit - but the heart is yet to be fully moved.

In the tenth position: This fork in your path may close many aspect of your past. There may be more unfinished business than you like as you interpret much as lost opportunities. You will be helped to realize otherwise.

The Chariot

You can achieve your goal if you will just keep trying. Progress can be made now - obstacles overcome and success gained through personal dynamism. Control your emotions and your dreams will come true - remove all the obstacles so you will have the vision to move forward. You are due recognition and honor - harness all your energy and apply it wisely so that you will be able to make your point. Allow your soul to direct your body - be receptive to both the negative and the positive - control and balance them. Rest now, reflect and turn inward for analysis, solitude, health and physical completion without effort. Issues are coming to a head - maintain control - wait, listen and avoid pushing your affairs. Accept that you are *"in"* the world but not *"of"* the world - find the *"force"* within you through a quiet and receptive state of mind. *"Ego"* is your conscious mind, your physical self-image - it forms the *"surface"* identity which directs your views and focus - it is a vehicle used to express your soul. Your ego continually changes as your beliefs about yourself change - it successfully controls a situation, but never brings the contradictions together so that they can be resolved. Trust and work in harmony with your *"way"* and you will reach your goal. Honor your achievements and dedicate yourself to even higher successes.

Harness all your energies toward your purpose - you will experience true victory once your spirit has found a focus through which it can release its total force. Shut out what is keeping you from reaching your goals. Once your lessons have been absorbed and you have become a mature adult - successful in life, admired by others, confident and content with yourself - able to control your feelings and direct your will as your strong character controls the opposing forces of life. No longer a victim of your emotions - your sexuality contributes to a satisfying life as your mental energy directs your passions and controls your instinctive desires. Individualization is the gradual birth of another *"self"* higher than your *"ego"* self. As you mature - you create a kind of mask to deal with the outside world. If you have dealt successfully with the various challenges that life has presented you - then these different aspects will become integrated into your *"ego"* mask. You can easily confuse this successful persona with your *"true"* Self (a high opinion of yourself which is not justified - an exaggerated desire to have your own way or an exaggerated importance of *"self"*). If this occurs - then the removal of this mask will create the fear that its removal could possibly result in death. Challenge yourself and with the heart, will and courage of a warrior - exorcise your inner demon of fear which is the greatest obstacles to life and growth.

Recognize that you are receptive and sensitive to emotions - you *"mirror"* the actions and emotional feelings of those around you. You have put on a mask of detachment for your own self-protection. Imagine yourself beyond human limitations. *"Speech"* restricts your experience of reality, it forms a description of the world and gives everything a label. When you accept this *"label"*, you actually erect a barrier between yourself and an experience. This *"label"* replaces the thing itself - when you see a tree, you think *"tree"* and move on - rather than allowing yourself to experience the impact of this wonderful living organism. As you come to rely on this rationality - you will begin to ignore experiences that cannot be expressed in words. Always remain conscious of the *"distance"* and *"difference"* between your human consciousness and the Divine consciousness - for only in a state of humility will God draw near to you.

Physical ways and means of extending your physical package, your physical growth. The wheels for the Empress. Physical transportation or movement, travel, relocation. Physical strength and capability, prowess, construction. Physical action taken to increase your personal package. Physical extensions of self and support in your environment. Material aids to achieving goals. Building and feathering the nest. Asserting physical independence. Creating your personal, physical world as a laboratory for your life's work. Getting things done on the Material Plane. Efforts to improve your health, especially your physical condition. Change and control, financial investment, physical investment of time and energy. Harnessing of energy to appropriate physical needs. To achieve anything one must somehow harness the extremes of opposites, of dualities. This chariot will not go where the left horse would take it, nor where the right horse would take it - but where we steer it - straight ahead down the middle of the path. Consider these two horses temperance and temptation - one steering you back, the other pushing you forward.

Questions to Answer:

1. What mask are you presenting to the world?
2. What emotional reactions are you hiding?
3. What contradictions and tensions are you struggling to maintain control over?
4. Where have you experienced recent victory or success in your life?
5. What progress are you making in testing your abilities in the world?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This lifetime is to be centered on growth and enrichment. You have a lot to accomplish in the hard reality of the Physical/material plane. There should be much social activity as well as business and trade. This is a path of increase in

the foundation of the self to include the well - being of others under its mantle of protection. Here is assumption of responsibility for a self that includes others.

In the second position: Here is the Chariot card in the position of the Chariot and so it is very centered and strong. Do you own your own trucking company or run your own construction company? It would seem that you have the resources and the ability to do what needs doing. The strongest of foundations has been laid for the accomplishment of your Karmic Contract.

In the third position: The time is appropriate and the means are at hand for growth. A major step forward and outward.

In the fourth position: These are the tapes of a very impressionable youth, eager to adopt heros and heroines of larger than life proportions. The more exotic and far reaching the better, such as science fiction. The underlying fascination here is in the figure/idol who is so physically strong that he/she can always get the job done, so that everyone ends up not only secure, but with more than they started out with.

In the fifth position: You are considering means of expansion, with detailed plans reviewing resources and logistics - a concrete strategy is necessary.

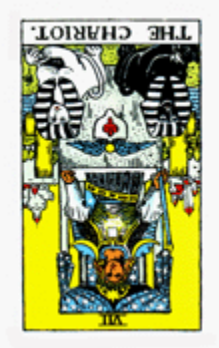
In the sixth position: Your near future will see an expansion in your emotional house, a physical opening and inclusion of greater numbers, greater activity. You will be physically more demonstrative.

In the seventh position: Here is an assertion of self that is fully appropriate. A broadening of your mind, your plans, your beliefs, with a willingness to be outspoken about your conclusions. A decision to go for it.

In the eighth position: Movement is underway or will be in the near future. Things such as home or job relocation make their appearance here. If one can actually see growth it is visible under these circumstances.

In the ninth position: You are opening up to the need for growth and to the means to achieve it, to the tools that are available or being offered, to new processes.

In the tenth position: Here is a gentle message to get moving; the status quo has reached its limit. If you take action now, the ball will be in your court. Wait and others will be doing the acting and you the reacting. This is grace offering an extra push/pull, the needed physical assistance to help you get things started.



The Chariot (R)

Your approach of will-power has proven unsuccessful - this situation is out of control. Be alert to situations which indicate the wrong use of your energies and recognize the negative vibrations of unfairness, force and pressure. Become sensitive to those involved in your situation who have no concern or consideration. Recognize that you are wasting your energy when you indulge in these emotions - forcing too much energy to be channeled through an overbearing attitude and the application of unnecessary force.

Seek another approach to your difficulties - will power alone cannot always sustain you. Learn to give way to the spirit within you - for your *"Inner"* Self is always prompting you to learn the true values of life. You can enjoy everything, but you can not possess anything - for it is not yours to possess in the first place. Unhappy thoughts are obstacles which can be overcome simply by stilling your mind. To rid yourself of the negative aspects in your life - never use your *"force"* in a negative way - choose to remain focused on the positive messages given by your *"inner"* voice, which will remove the negative in a graceful, positive, peaceful way in which everyone will benefit. It is time for you to test what you have learned - prove your abilities and in so doing prove yourself. Bring these unresolved contradictions and tensions under control.

Distortion - too much or too little. Spinning your wheels, moving in the wrong direction. Too quickly, too slowly or not at all. Lack of flexibility in movement. Running away or running headstrong into a messy situation - retreat or a foolish attack. changing jobs too often or not often enough. Not enough or too much physical exercise. Building too much, too fast. Tearing down, reducing means. Accumulation of too much baggage, too heavy for your needs. Over feathering the nest. Physically over extended or not extended enough. Overly independent or much too dependent.

Questions to Answer:

1. What mask are you presenting to the world?
2. What emotional reactions are you hiding?
3. What contradictions and tensions are you struggling to maintain control over?
4. Where have you experienced recent victory or success in your life?
5. What progress are you making in testing your abilities in the world?
6. Do you find yourself addicted to movement without advancements?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Much of this lifetime may be in the provision for others more than for self and to help them with their growth.

In the second position: On the one hand, you may have been stretching too much, too soon. On the other hand, you may not have been stretching enough or not at all.

In the third position: Your help may be needed in someone else's move ahead, especially if you are a key player in their affairs.

In the fourth position: It is not good to feel that you can or even should always come out ahead - especially if it means ahead of everybody else. Neither should you feel you need to lose out so that someone else can get what they need.

In the fifth position: Plans may be too optimistic, too grand. Or, you may be holding back being overly conservative.

In the sixth position: On the one hand, your opening and extroversion here is greater than best suits your karmic purpose. On the other hand, you are holding back at a time when you should be moving forward.

In the seventh position: At one extreme, there is a hesitation, perhaps even fear of putting yourself forward. At the other extreme, there is an overconfidence that should be brought into line.

In the eighth position: Either their is far too much movement and expansion/relocation or there is not enough.

In the ninth position: You may be opening up to more growth than is appropriate, even into the realm of experimentation. Or, you may be far too close to opportunities and means of growth that are appropriate.

In the tenth position: You may be called into action as a guardian angel to help someone else get their show in the road. While it is good metaphysics to wait until asked to intervene, the asking rarely comes in the form of an overt call for help. People with great needs often find it next to impossible, for a host of reasons, to ask for assistance.

Death

Do not resist sudden change - you will be provided the strength and support needed to accept new situations. Leave the past behind now - allow your experiences to be your teacher. Let go of the restrictive, oppressive, limiting attitudes and beliefs that are holding you back - deliberately and consciously "cut out" any excess mental clutter. Start a new project - face your future with new faith as you gently release any outdated ideas or outlived emotional attachments that keep you confined.

To achieve true inner development - you must eliminate the restrictive habits which are blocking your path so that *"inner"* spiritual, psychic rebirth can be achieved. Set backs and failure can bring new hope and understanding as *"death"* clears away the old to allow the *"new"* to find its place. You truly KNOW when you *"understand"* what you know - when you *"feel"* what you have understood and "put it into practice". Meditation is to think with a view of attaining *"inner"* certainty - to pose a question in all honesty to your own conscience and have that question answered in all honesty by your own conscience. "What do I myself KNOW?"

Trying to scientifically explain a *"smile"* is to disregard the *"joy"* for which the smile manifest itself and set the scientific actions in motion. Automatic memory simply happens. Logical memory requires a conscious effort - you must *"think"* in order to remember. Moral memory is LOVE - when the things which deeply move you are remembered. Vertical memory is that which links the ordinary consciousness to a higher state of consciousness.

You KNOW what you pray - for when you pray, you forget daily affairs. The practice of concentration is the "*art of forgetting*" and meditation is mastering the "art of sleeping" where authentic *"faith"* is revealed, acts and increases in purification. *"Hope"* is simultaneously both the agent and the fruit of illumination - it is *"love"* which achieves union of the soul with God. Spiritual greatness is measured only through faith, hope and love.

We do not worship God because he is able to do more than us or because he knows more than us or because he is stronger and more powerful than us - but, rather because He has more faith, more hope and more love than us. God is great through his faith, hope and love and our *"fear"* of God is basically that of offending such nobleness and generosity! In order to apprehend this - listen and be silent - silence all the faculties of understanding, memory and imagination if you wish to apprehend and to receive a revelation from above.

All things must come to an end. *"Death"* produces a life-giving transformation. It is time for you to allow this transformation - release your *"ego"*, shed those things which are already *"dead"* in your life and accept the transition. A major karmic change in your life will occur regardless of your actions - trust that it will be beneficial - accept it, prepare for it and your fears will be released. Free yourself from what is hanging you up and holding you back. Create a space for new opportunities to come in.

You fear only the *"consequences"* of change - that you might make the wrong decision and it is this *"fear"* which is holding you back from enjoying life as it could and should be. This change will bring an end to the situations in your life which have outlived their usefulness - release from the past through a creative surge of energy. A great aggressive drive toward new experience - deep change - the *"death"* of automatic instincts giving birth to the freedom of choice. Release old beliefs with a thrusting creative surge leading to action, creativity and new life through the experience of your natural aggression. Allow it to flow freely. You can easily recognize these experiences because you feel such deep emotions that it is a little like experiencing *"death"* - you feel completely powerless, can handle no more stimuli and need rest.

Your *"ego"* is only a mask, never releasing energy - it fights even sexual climax, for at that moment it must partially dissolve. Accept the death of your *"ego"* mask and your fears will dissolve as you experience a new maturity and a new freedom of energy. Simply give up the old *"ego"* mask and allow the transformation to take place. By force of will and with the help of a guide, you allow the knowledge to emerge of who you really are and what habits or fears you wish to shed. This knowledge brings a calming peace - the desire to change and create a new *"life"* from your old experiences and this allows you to remove the old, unusable aspects of your life in order to free the whole human being.

Fundamental, irreversible change of a physical/material nature. The interpretation of cessation of life, actual biological death is of course one possible meaning, but only one out of many others outlined here. One of the major metaphysical purposes for our aging and eventual death is to stop our material stockpiling, to stop us from putting all that energy into lateral growth at the physical level. The fact that we cannot take it with us is the belssing and fundamental lesson of death. With death, everything that we have done, collected, is in the long run for others, not for self. This is the Physical Plane's lesson of progress from self to other that matches the parallel lesson of self to other in the Emotional Plane (passion to compassion) and in the Mental Plane (little ego to super Ego). Death must be thought of as the mean, the middle, not the end. The phrase "in the dead of the night"

means “in the middle of the night”. New beginnings. New phases. New directions. This is the spiritual descended to the physical level and can show reversals of ill health. Acceptance of physical endings and physical lessons. All fears center around change at the physical level. The positive function of fear shows here in its role of preserving life. But, when fear climbs up from the physical level of protection through the emotional and into the mental, it takes on the cloak of irrationality and works against our welfare. Here then is courage, derived from an intimate knowledge of the myths and realities of death.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you need to let go of?
2. What is your basic support system through this transition?
3. What is being transformed?
4. What new growth is now possible?
5. What are you feeling so deeply and intensely about?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: There is no fear of death for there is a profound understanding of immortality. There is no fear, but fear is respected and preserved in its proper place as a friend in need.

In the second position: You have been in harmony with life’s basic cycles, aligned with the seasons. There may have been an issue of death in the past which is serving as backdrop to the question at hand, but as a positive element. You are brave, having a history of courageous deeds, perhaps even death defying.

In the third position: Deal with the matters directly at hand. Physical and material matters predominate. Check on health, security. Be courageous. Welcome change with open arms. Direct prayers for change, not for the status quo. Invoke change.

In the fourth position: To be in love with the archetype death in its purest form is simply to love, to welcome change with an open heart. This is the stuff of bravery or chivalry.

In the fifth position: You are aware of or you are planning, major change at the physical level. Courageous state of mind.

In the sixth position: Heart must make adjustments to the radically new physical/material situation. Things will no longer be as they were and that must be accepted, eventually even welcomed.

In the seventh position: The mind embraces major physical/material change. Adapting to and integrating the new reality at the mental level.

In the eighth position: A major, irreversible physical/material change is taking place now or in the very near future. Here is the physical aspect of the phenomenon of re-birthing, of being born again spiritually. The body undergoes a formidable change in chemistry and in general appearance.

In the ninth position: Heart accepts/desires major physical change. It can be the heart’s acceptance of a death, of the lessons of death.

In the tenth position: Here is the gift of courage just when it is most needed. The ability to rise above all fears to achieve the tasks at hand.

Death (R)

If you are feeling depressed - it is because you are stuck in your old habits and lack any real motivation. Depression and boredom conceal your *"inner"* fear of change. Deliberately and consciously release any excess - remove the things which have become heavy and stagnant and rid yourself of mental clutter. Let go of outdated ideas and excessive *"thinking"*. Let go of any restrictive, oppressive, limiting attitudes and beliefs.

Create a space for new opportunities to come in. Accept that you need new ideas - accept that there will be success. Things WILL change with organization, time and hard work. Come to grips with your life - allow nothing to slide. Your hands may be tied - but never your mind. Make new goals, consider all the aspects of any new venture and always keep your mind actively planning for the future. You create change through your imagination and it is essential that you imagine yourself as you would like to be if you wish your *"inner"* powers to support you. Release yourself from your old *"ego"* habits. Take off the *"old"* mask so that a new one can be created.

All the levels of your life have been important in producing the level that you are working on now. Transformation is necessary to create the desired change - to create new growth, liberation and renewal. Release your sense of *"self"* now so that you can merge with the Universe. Use your inquiring mind and trust that overcoming these obstacles will lead you to knowledge and liberation. Stop fearing change and wasting your energy. Consciously direct your energy towards energizing those things that will work for you. You will never be lonely if you avail yourself to the wisdom of your Higher Self. Listen to your *"inner"* guide - it holds the answers to all your questions.

Can mean no change where change is needed - a *"block"*. The negative face of fear which can be traced to the root fear of death. Physical insecurity - closely linked with matters of health, work and home. False courage at one extreme, cowardice at the other.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you need to let go of?
2. What is your basic support system through this transition?
3. What is being transformed?
4. What new growth is now possible?
5. What are you feeling so deeply and intensely about?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Free spirits are assertive and you are very much in tune with them.

In the second position: Perhaps you have not been in tune with nature and basic rhythms. Death as an issue behind you is resolved.

In the third position: The matter at hand requires your participation, but you are not the principle character.

In the fourth position: To love or to welcome death in its extremes (too much or too little) leads to some of humanities most disturbing potentialities. An over fascination and embrace of death leads, on the lighter side to a love of danger with greater and greater risk to life and on the darker side to things like necrophilia, murder and suicide. To welcome death too little is to fear death and leads to weakness, cowardice and in the extreme a fear of the least little things and eventually life itself.

In the fifth position: Death, fear may be playing on the mind in a very counterproductive way. Do not avoid the subject; air it and face it.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, the heart may want to look back too much - or, it may be ignoring the past and what has happened instead of integrating it.

In the seventh position: There may be fear of this change. If the mental fear is great enough, it can stall the effects the change was meant to implement. The change cannot however be reversed or even compensated for - it must be embraced.

In the eighth position: Change has been stalled or its effects rejected, not internalized.

In the ninth position - A fatalistic heart, heartache over change, a reluctance or inability to internalize a death - the lesson of death. At the other extreme, there can be an over - enthusiasm for this archetype, embracing too much change too quickly.

In the tenth position: The fears you are experiencing are legitimate and you will be able to navigate safely having heeded them. No need to put on a face of false courage.

The Devil

Stop looking at your limitations as adversities. Your *"actual"* needs are one thing - your *"wants"* are something entirely different. You can easily get caught up in your *"wants"*, allowing your *"inward"* drives - your sexual impulses, your selfishness and your desire to control power to flow carelessly out of balance. *"Feel"* the sense of pressure and force when this is happening - the lack of consideration and selfishness. Re-evaluate your situation, don't make the mistake of judging people or situations only by their outward appearances or you will find yourself bound by half-truths. Always seek the inner truths. Balanced - the strength of your *"inward"* drives can be a positive energy source for more admirable development. Carefully examine your old views - look beneath the surface of this situation for the real truth. The materialistic viewpoint that nothing exists beyond the world of the senses is the real "illusion."

Act spontaneously without overstepping your conscious boundaries. Your actions will disrupt, yet bring about a new awakening. The more you enjoy your work - the greater are your successes. If you fear your emotions, repress your thoughts, distrust your imagination or block and judge your aggressive urges as *"bad"* - you create "unnatural guilt" which requires punishment and leaves you feeling powerless. It is your *"belief"* in guilt and the fear of your emotions which is your own denied power. Knowledge of your power comes from the natural expression of your feelings combined with vital, passionate action. *"Playfully"* release yourself from restrictions - use your imagination creatively to find practical solutions to your problems.

The freedom of your imagination is your ultimate power. The way to spirit leads through your desires. Your *"sexual"* energy is raised to a higher level, freeing you from the limitations of duality - the belief that matter and spirit are two *"separate"* elements. Releasing your desires without first transforming them can result in obsessions, violence and even destruction of the personality. Only a person who has achieved a deep level of inner peace and understanding can deal safely with these forces. They symbolize the life energy locked up in dark hidden areas of the *"self"* which can not be entered by ordinary means. We call these illusions the *"Devil"* because those who are not prepared to receive this energy can manifest monsters, evil or the temptation to indulge in violence as you experience a complete release of unconscious energy. This flood of energy can only come through entering hidden area with all their illusions, horrors and desires. Areas that can easily distract the unprepared from their final goal. Demons exist only for those who believe in their existence and they possess only the power you choose to give them. Master your demons - make them your servant - use the liberated energy they represent, rather than falling prey to it. Be purified of your *"ego"* desires and fears - you can profoundly grasp only what you love.

Love is the vital element of intuitive knowledge. Since you can not *"love"* evil - choose never to enter its chaotic world or you can easily loose your way. Be an *"outside"* observer as you begin your journey to overcome the materialistic view of life. Overcome any thoughts of misery or depression, any feelings of being chained, imprisoned or the illusion that there is no other alternative. The feelings that love has turned into a trap and you are a *"slave"* to your desires. The experience of shame and helplessness as you give in to your desires - which eventually result in the acceptance of a bad situation or viewing unhappy conditions as normal and actually fighting against positive change.

A *"demon"* exists only in the *"psychic"* or mind of the individual who has manifest it through the cooperation of his *"will"* and his *"imagination"*. *"Silence"* of will and imagination are essential in overcoming the materialistic view of life. Only in silence can you *"hear"*. The vision of *"evil"* is one full of disturbance, shouting and confused thoughts - the soul is left in a state of disquiet. The vision of God comes quietly and gently - instantly joy, gladness and courage rise in the soul - all thoughts remain untroubled and fear is replaced by joy and contentment - by courage, strength and calmness of thought. The soul is left in a state of tranquility which expresses the love of God. Good only radiates, as love forms an alliance with spiritual hierarchies. It is your *"faith"* which promotes healing - not the object you focus on. Clarity of thought and moral attitude are necessary to render a *"demon"* impotent. You are required to *"endure"* the course of real testing if you wish to convince the entities of the hierarchies of the left that their accusations are unfounded, for they do not represent evil - they are "critical spirits" whose accusations must be proven to lack foundation.

Evolution of consciousness - the higher mental, your mind is given full reign - the cutting edge of your intellect. Your full potential comes into awareness here as you pull out all the stops - temptations to push you forward. The realization that anything is possible if you are careful - the mastery of alchemy (discovery of a universal cure for disease and indefinitely prolong life... the process of transforming something common into something special...an inexplicable or mysterious transmuting - change form, appearance or nature to a higher form - transformation.) You can have anything you wish for - but alone, you rarely have the overview and complexity of insight to know what to wish for correctly. The concept of good & evil, like every other mental concept or word opposites is just that - an abstract concept. There is no absolute good or absolute evil, but rather limits which help us define reality - the middle ground between opposites. God being the extreme end of our concept of *"good"* and the

Devil being the extreme end of our concept of *"bad"* and what we work with is everything that is in - between and ALL is God. Understanding and integrating the upper and lower self, the inner and outer personality - accepting the *"whole"* person that you are.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are the current boundaries and limitations in your life?
2. What or who is obsessing you?
3. How can you channel and structure your energies and desires in creative non - manipulative ways?
4. What situation(s) do you need to look at with humor?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Born with the ability to see through the veil when necessary as the Devil is the death of the duality that began with the Lovers. In this lifetime you are one with the energy which brought man the gift of fire and hence spirit which is the gift of life as we know it now. Your deep innate understanding of metaphysics gives you a dual package of great knowledge attached to great responsibility.

In the second position: The extent of your knowledge and experience, the range of your activities has given you an edge in material matters. Few can move as quickly and with such a clear sense of purpose as you.

In the third position: Pay attention to the other side. Avoid complacency. Allow yourself to be tempted.

In the fourth position: Here in the position of the birth of duality, The Lovers - is the Devil card indicating the death of duality. Your passion, the basis of your emotional tapes, it nothing less than an intellectual fervor for all things to be united, for the veil to be lifted. This is the heart of a dedicated metaphysician, beating with the same intensity that fired history's leading philosophical thinkers. This is a love of adventure of the most challenging and daring sort, seeking nothing less than the unknown, the unexperienced.

In the fifth position: You are reviewing all the other viewpoints affecting your plans. The mind is open and expansive as it should be.

In the sixth position: In the near future your Emotional/Creative Plane is introduced to new worlds and the certain feeling that there is more, much more than you ever imagined.

In the seventh position: This in your near future will see you through the most important gate on your path, for it marks the boundary between the inner and outer courtyard. Everything in the inner courtyard is the same as the outer and yet it is different in its degree of intensity as all senses are magnified. This is the hidden validity behind all views that become obvious as the veil is lifted and you are able to focus with the singular visiion of the Third Eye bringing duality to its death.

In the eighth position: Perhaps you are experimenting with your liefstyle, even trying things you've never liked before. You may be up to your ears in an adventure already, pushing for new sensations, new thrills.

In the ninth position: Your heart and the subconscious are disposed to new ideas and challenges. They want a broader range of feelings.

In the tenth position: You always knew that there was more to it than this. Right? Well, here comes the proof. You can certainly handle it, but you may want to fasten your seatbelt. Lights! Camera! Action!

The Devil (R)

It is time for you to break loose from this misery and bondage. You no longer need to accept your situation - move toward liberation and you will emerge happier, with a more developed personality. The change has occurred - only the *"feelings"* of sadness, anger or depression remain to influence you. Deal with your past, use the knowledge and energy bound up in your experiences - transform them and releasing the energy contained within them. Free yourself from your past habits - your ignorance and indecision is a weakness and it is causing this instability - recognize this influence and take the necessary action against it.

Deal with your problems and avoid emotional outbreaks. Being timid will only emphasize your weakness - it is time for you to take the bull by the horns and do your own thing. The power that seems to be limiting you - is the power that will liberate you. Listen to your *"inner"* voice, go inside - sift out the truth from the illusion and enlighten your mind. Your emotional overindulgence has resulted in exhaustion and boredom. You have gone overboard and you need to find your balance now - start living and stop denying yourself life experiences. If you want to swim again - you must first get in the water and get wet.

This is the paradox of the practical side of what we call evil. It is the denial, the lack of recognition and acceptance that gives it its power, its very existence. Only when you cut off an integral part of yourself do you create your Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde. Be cautious of what you deny. Only what you push into the dark can grow unnoticed, reappearing later in disguised form to terrorize you. This can be in the form of immoral or illegal acts by others directed at you or by you at others. When the mind hangs onto its separateness, refusing the opening of the third eye, the lifting of the veil, the resolution of dualities, then balance is impossible. Evil occurs only when too much attention has been paid to one half of a duality pair without enough attention to the other.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are the current boundaries and limitations in your life?
2. What or who is obsessing you?
3. How can you channel and structure your energies and desires in creative non - manipulative ways?
4. What situation(s) do you need to look at with humor?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will be called upon often to be the devil's advocate, to champion the underdog, to side with the uncomfortable viewpoint, to help keep the cutting edge of society sharp.

In the second position: At one extreme, you may have sewn too many oats in too many fields. You are experienced, but can it be marshalled into what you need now? In some cases, penance will be necessary to fix the cracks in your foundation before going on.

In the third position: At one extreme, the erratic beliefs of a schizoid - ish personality. Another is straightforward amorality. Here too is the mind that has brought into the false extreme - of an ultimate evil up against an ultimate good - a mind that has a penchant for liking only one half of a duality pair. This is a mind that literally cannot get it together.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, the love of adventure here crosses into danger. Another, is the detached passion for the unknown simply for the sake of the unknown. Also, the desire to stir the pot for the sheer unpredictability of the results, to make trouble. Another possibility here is incest or abuse.

In the fifth position: You may be under the influence of viewpoints which are not favorable to your karmic purpose. This may be considered to be your lower self and the noise of elementals or it may be improper guides eliciting your energy and talents for their group purposes rather than for your own.

In the sixth position: Pay close attention, more may turn out to be less in this case.

In the seventh position: The big mistake that is made here is the attempt to stay on the other side beyond the veil, avoiding the very purpose of your incarnation, to find and bring this very awareness into your everyday reality, to see that the outer courtyards become as beautiful as the inner.

In the eighth position: Here you might be possessed of your possessions. The cart may be pulling the horse, as materiality pulls the human around by the nose.

In the ninth position: At one extreme, you are being too adventurous, moving into unchartered waters best left alone. At the

other extreme, you may be too inflexible, limiting much of what is intended for you.

In the tenth position: Don’t try anything that requires great balance, not until you quit using only half of your brain.

Eight of Cups

You have emotionally over-extended yourself. Go deep within and regenerate your energy - search for a deeper meaning in life. Allow your Higher Self to search and find your *"inner"* need as you seek spiritual fulfillment. Your passionate nature and lust for life has lead to overindulgence to the point of burn-out. You are tired, feeling drained, depleted and emotionally ripped off as a result of filling other peoples needs and wants to the exclusion of your own. Dissatisfied and disappointed, you want something entirely different - but you don't know what. Look for other alternatives, find the courage now to retreat and heal yourself. Take time out for yourself and search for meaning - a purpose that is worthy of your total commitment and dedication. Allow yourself to feel the *"blahs"*. Rest and you will regenerate as new ideas begin to germinate.

Your basic fortitude and hope for the future are strengths that other people depend on - some people are too needy, making you feel manipulated and used without a return of energy. Avoid this psychic drain and take time out to care for your own needs. The time has come to move on - put the ordinary things of life behind you and move forward. Withdraw from outer activity and seek a greater self-awareness. Prepare to leave this stable situation and journey into the unknown. Your ego is being broken down in order to free your spirit. Rest now, restore your energy in quiet solitude.

Mature emotions, secured with the lessons of love without improper attachment and capable of seeing beyond immediate surroundings. Your heart is opening wider, getting larger as you love expands beyond the immediate circle of mate, family and close friends into a more universal love. This is the heart's parallel growth to the ego, which has begun to integrate with universal mind at this level. Emotional drive here, comes not from dissatisfaction with what you already have, but because your emotional world is growing, your emotional pie is actually getting bigger. Magically, everyone already in your life will still get the same size piece of pie, even as your time is prorated for others. Creative productivity and expansion. A blending of the masculine and feminine energy. Emotional efficiency creates an abundance of reliable inter-activity. Two's - lessons learned in accommodating both, that set the stage for the highest emotional lesson - love of self and love of others must balance as they move toward becoming one and the same.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you feel weary of or dissatisfied with?
2. What relationships or values are no longer relevant in your life?
3. What or who is drawing on your energy and leaving you feeling emotionally drained?
4. How can you withdraw or take time to renew yourself?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Magician**: You can reach the top now - think carefully before making any choices. Do what you KNOW is right and do not listen to outside opinions.
- **Next to Hermit**: Be patient and inner joy will be your reward. Be willing now to forge ahead.
- **Next to Chariot**: Channel all your energies toward reaching your goals and do not get involved with unnecessary situations.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is the magical path of the faithful heart, which will successfully balance the purity and power of personal romantic love and its extension into family with an equal complementary love for mankind and all creation. Power to heal through love and intensity of involvement. Emotional focus/mastery create abundance of love and energy.

In the second position: You can find a needle in a haystack - find energy when and where you need it. You can extract joy from the least likely of circumstances, pleasure from sources of pain and, you can move mountains.

In the third position: Your emotional house is in order, your creative energy in good supply and you can explore the corners of your heart for new possibilities. Your emotional pie is going to grow, unless you subvert it.

In the fourth position: Anyone who marries this archetype has the lessons of jealousy, patience, envy, independence and then some. Here is a person who is compelled by the grace of God to help foster universal love. This is the calling of John the Baptist, of Christ and the mission of the Apostles. Even though the Apostles were commissioned to teach, theirs was nevertheless the path toward universality.

In the fifth position: There is confidence here - good taste is at work. You are reviewing a situation ripe with possibilities, pushing your mind out as an advanced scout. You have added some new plays to your playbook - now to wait for the game.

In the sixth position: Time for major expansion in your emotional/creative plane in the near future. The pull you are feeling is symbolized by the positive effect of the moon. The lure of the unknown as part of the grand design to stir us to seek more experience of the one. To know - the participation of our emotional/sexual and creative natures in bringing us knowledge of God.

In the seventh position: You will be presented the challenge to enrich your emotional/creative house with new energy.

In the eighth position: Emotional/creative enterprise is underway - possibility is in the air. You are influential now and should have things your way.

In the ninth position: One of the most difficult principles to understand and follow is the lesson of non-attachment. Even the teachings of Jesus on these matters has been distorted in the New Testament, suggesting that his followers were told to turn their backs on their families. What is meant here is that we must not limit ourselves to our families, to our extensions of ourselves, anymore than we can limit ourselves to a love of self. In order to honor the self, our path requires that we extend outward as much as we can, requiring what has been called non-attachment. This heart appears poised to seek and to offer more love.

In the tenth position: The breadth and depth of your life will expand by this time next year in such a way as to amaze you. Even though you have set the appropriate wheels in motion - it may take your breath away like the heart's gasp on first seeing the magnificence of the Grand Canyon.

Eight of Cups (R)

As you maintain your qualities of awareness and correct response - you must ask yourself if the time to leave has really come. Are you refusing to leave this situation, determined to hang on even though you know that you have taken all you can from it? There is an indication that this situation continues to give joy and meaning? Are you leaving this situation because you lack the courage to pursue it and take everything you can get from it? Is your pattern in life to become involved in relationships, work or projects - then run when difficulties arise or when the time comes for a genuine commitment?

The possibility of a new love interest always exists - be willing now to honor your own needs. Be receptive to your interests in material pleasures or when you have an urgent need for money. Acknowledge these needs and your desire for complete change. When you become bored with your present lifestyle - focus all your energy on a new direction and accept that it is not the right time to settle down. You are now ready to break your over-extension habits and stop suffocating your emotional vitality. Trust that your *"inner"* voice will guide you as you seek the balance that will fulfill your needs and replenish your spirit. Be absolutely sure before making any changes.

Emotional/sexual excess or emotional/sexual apathy. Emotional recklessness, sexual addictions - promiscuity/cheating. Imposition - insistence on giving where it is neither wanted or needed.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The phrase "common love" suggests the difficulties of this path - for in seeking what is common to all of creation, temptations to and accusations of debasement may be all too *"common"*.

In the second position: If you are too active and keep too many irons in the fire, you run the risk of not being where you need to be on occasion or of being short on the energy you need to move that mountain.

In the third position: This is not a time to pursue this archetype. The effect of misapplication of principle may already be influencing events. Let the reading guide you.

In the fourth position: In one extreme, this person may decide not to marry, because the pull to universality is simply too strong and demanding, to ask someone else to share.

In the fifth position: In one extreme, there is some distaste here for the misuse of the sensible.

In the sixth position: You must deal with a distortion of this archetype in the near future, affecting you and/or your loved ones. An over-compassionate nature may cause you some pain through confusion.

In the seventh position: It concerns you that you do not feel the same toward everyone. Be patient with yourself as you try to approach this goal, but realize that just as you develop the ability to love even your enemies, you must and will have a hierarchy of those who mean the most to you, even within universal love. We must love all equally, just some more equally than others.

In the eighth position: Your desire to move into new areas may be meeting with some difficulty. You may have already moved into territory that is causing trouble. This archetype is not being handled correctly by you or by someone affecting you. Back off - too much, too soon.

In the ninth position: This heart is troubled with this archetype and most likely it can explain why.

In the tenth position: Grace will offer you the chance to learn the shadow side of this archetype with little or no pain.

Eight of Pentacles

Allow yourself to experience your prudence and wisdom - your training has brought both discipline and skill. You have strong characteristics - prepare for your future - continue to study and learn your trade, skill or profession. You may not be receiving much monetary gain at this time but you are definitely on the right track. Continue to develop your abilities and refine your skills. Remain dedicated to your personal goal - it may seem far off, but you should continue to establish your power and use it wisely. Always keep your goal in focus - work on it even when it seems tedious.

Staying healthy and whole requires constant change. Adapt to the ever-changing realities. Remain flexible, versatile and adaptable. Some situations will call on all your energy just to keep going, hoping for things to get better. The repetition of your activities gives you a sense of security. If you want to be recognized for your craftsmanship - you must be willing to undergo an apprenticeship to develop your strengths. You do things with the belief that they are worthy of your time and effort. Look forward to the future, plan your moves and prudently prepare things in advance. Keep yourself renewed, alert, creative and stimulated - unfold and begin to branch out. One form of learning is to take care of yourself and your own needs - get your finances and resources in order. Do not move in the extremes now by over-extending yourself externally - operate from your internal center. Your greatest skill is knowing both your medium and your message so well that you work in harmony with their natures and they function together at their best. You must care about your work, it must relate to the world. If it does not serve the community - it will lack any real meaning.

The effect of the highest order of emotions on the Physical Plane - the physical aspires to the spiritual as indeed the spiritual has aspired to the physical. There is increase in productivity with the joy of proper work - your physical/material foundation itself moves forward. Pleasure in material things in a very positive sense as you begin to truly see and experience the pulse of God in nature and all things material, organic and inorganic. Your environmental support systems are in place and working - you efficiently identify with them as they are literally extensions of your self. Great enjoyment of physical exertion, whether work or leisure. Physical prowess. Dedicated, mature worker. Good use of power and resources. Thoroughness, precision - the physical level produces quality and quantity that surpasses individual needs, surpasses extended family needs offering the excess of its efficiency to the greater good of all who require it. This is the efficient use of material resources and manpower to the benefit of both. Teamwork, physically coordinated with others as group output takes priority. The stage is being set for the next step. Recognition and honoring of the physical origin (father) which is looking backward to the past together with the honoring of the product (son) which becomes the new physical origin with an eye to the future. An air of magic given to the efficient and prodigious output now possible.

Questions to Answer: What are you working on or preparing ahead of time?

1. What skill or craft are you learning?
2. What details do you need to examine and take care of?
3. How can you create a regular time and place to work?
4. What preparations do you need to make?
5. What are you doing to take care of your health and well - being?

Special Messages:

- **Four Pentacles in spread**: There will be an increase in your finances and a feeling of great satisfaction.
- **Next to Fool**: Do not become careless in your work or finances just because things appear to be going well - there is need for caution.
- **Next to Hanged Man**: Strike while the iron is hot and do not be afraid to pursue your goal.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You are a master craftsman. You have the ability to harness the energy of love and understanding and use it in the material world. To achieve the paradox of using something and instead of depletion there is increase. Your ordered personal world will help bring order to the world at large. Seeing the handiwork of such a gifted man reinforces our closeness to God, for we know then that we are indeed seeing God.

In the second position: You could be dropped in the middle of nowhere and in three hours have the natives organized and producing a product that would turn a third world backwater into a thriving member of the international economy. Resourcefulness - reserves.

In the third position: Now is the opportunity to make concrete headway - work that you love and do well - get your team ready.

In the fourth position: Your love will be to see the effect you can have on a raw process. Your ability to bring order and refinement to something that leaves it more beautiful and valid in every sense. You could be the missing link that makes something work.

In the fifth position: You feel prepared, content that you are doing all that you can do to bring the present situation to its right conclusion.

In the sixth position: With your involvement with your projects and your success, you must work even harder at how you interface with your loved ones and coworkers. For as much as they share your dreams and back you - they cannot know all that you know and feel all that you feel.

In the seventh position: Your integration of spirit into your work produces amazing results, perhaps more amazing to others than to you.

In the eighth position: The production line is running - get the boxes ready - it is time to package and deliver. Now you can see what all the talking has been about. Here is the latest model, the newest creation.

In the ninth position: You are very caught up in the work at hand, the activity at the physical/material level. When you are in your studio, you are in your heaven.

In the tenth position: This is the mark of the professional, not the amateur or the apprentice. People will look to you for the best in your field of expertise. If you have been awaiting accreditation of licensing, it will be yours no latter than this time next year. For others already in gear, this will be a time to put your best foot forward. Your work will be right on target.

Eight of Pentacles (R)

You could be going about things the wrong way and need guidance - be willing now to listen to your *"inner"* voice. Your own impatience is creating this frustration and these unfulfilled ambitions. You can not take shortcuts to success - proceed in the proper way - attend to details and utilize your organizational skills. There must be order and trust - prudence and wisdom are the qualities of "not pushing" to make things happen, not resisting or holding back - but flowing naturally with the direction being presented. When your ambitions are limited or your view point is too near sighted, when you find that you are too concerned about your *"ego"* and image - recognize that these surroundings provide the sense of "false security" which is causing you to want quick results and not to be content to work and learn in the proper manner. Feelings which result from unsatisfying work - a job or career which calls for no skills, no personal involvement and no pride in the work that is being completed.

You may be too attached to your work or to exercise, production of more than can be used/stored efficiently and without waste. Over reliance on teamwork, networking or lack of professionalism - even clumsiness.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will work intimately with the products of this good earth and with much efficiency and productivity. You may or may not enjoy or even care to enjoy, conventional material comforts. Your work and your products are your reward, not money.

In the second position: You may not be giving enough attention to your resources and what is left behind once you use them up. You may have produced or stored far more than you need.

In the third position: More work and more perfection is not the answer - you do not have to do everything - some things are better left undone.

In the fourth position: The passion for work or for appreciation of material things may be excessive. This is not materialism in its negative contemporary, shop until you drop, sense - but rather, simply an over-involvement with the beauty of a given material or object - like wood or Ming dynasty vases.

In the fifth position: On one extreme, you think that you have done all that you can do and that it may not be enough; what have the others done? Another extreme is that you are not content with your work, either the quality, the quantity or both.

In the sixth position: On the one hand, you may be much too engrossed in your work or physical activity. On the other hand, you may have difficulty keeping up your level of energy and desire to pursue your work or physical interests.

In the seventh position: Your success may be somewhat daunting to others, even to yourself in some respects. Another extreme is that you intellectual interest in your work, your physical activities or in material matters is on the wane.

In the eighth position: The output may not be going according to plan or desire. Could the plans and the production be going too well? Will the process stop when you want it to?

In the ninth position: For you, what you are doing is solving everyone's problem, not just yours. But look around, is it really? Your work may be so introspective and sheltered that it is losing the very validity that you cherish. Have all the right people

been involved? Or, too many?

In the tenth position: This suggests that you may be attempting the wrong thing or too much of a good thing. On the one hand, your product may be the wrong product or not good enough for the situation. On the other hand, it may be too good and therefore inappropriate.

Eight of Swords

Your *"ego"* represents the non - trusting, doubting, over-analytical part of your mind which is unable to make any decisions - always feeling very restricted, experiencing hurt or anxiety. Recognize now that your vision has been blocked because of the fear you feel *"inside"* - it is creating confusion. Trying to battle more than one issue at a time will always create indecision and cause you to waste precious energy on minor details. You are unable to think clearly now - you need help and sensible advice. Pull back now, go deep inside - seek peace and allow your *"inner"* voice to direct you. Stop believing you will be swamped by your emotions if you take a step toward your goals - recognize that you have done this to yourself and begin to focus on developing your potentials. Stop fearing success and power - accept the beast within you. See your abilities clearly and loose your passions - you have restrained yourself from activity long enough, avoiding the present by trying to convince yourself that there are no alternatives. These beliefs keep you hemmed in - they always provide reasons why nothing will work.

You are not being held back by direct force, but by your training - this belief in your own helplessness and your blind acceptance of what you have been taught. The recognition of your ignorance is the first step to true knowledge - without enlightenment you will never be able to say "this is the truth, this is the way things really are". Recognize now that nothing prevents you from leaving - you are bound only by your own *"illusions"*.

Balance your mind - use your creativity/imagination and your logic/reason in equal proportions. Integrate these opposite poles of consciousness. Structure your creative visions into meaningful order of thought and action. See both sides and seek out the common points - bring the opposition together and you will find your genius.

The objective, conscious mind reaches the limits of the lower *"ego"*, which under the impact and pull of the higher emotions and compassion - realizes that to achieve even its most personal and self - oriented goals it must advance to a more mature *"Ego"* which encompasses more of the Universal Mind. The mind has opened to include extensions of the personal self with a mate and children and a widening circle of close friends. Now the circle must open even further. A variety of new challenges are presented with increased demands from your mental Karmic Contract. Your first reaction is to close your eyes to the magnitude of the tasks. Greater responsibility. The mind's role in organizing is challenged by the higher order of consciousness realized as the higher emotions - compassion and universal love bring new sensations, new data that defies rationalization. To rationalize this new process is precisely what the mind must do. With this greater ability to see the extent of order in the above, so grows the ability to see the extent of disorder in the below. The effect of the combination of the lower mental levels. Creative fruitation and self-assured expression in which the lower ego is pulsing with its potential and must pair with the maturing process of uncertainty and freedom that undergirds free will.

Questions to Answer:

1. What actions, plans or ideas are being blocked by circumstances beyond your control?
2. What would you like to do if you could get rid of the obstacles and blocks?
3. Who or what could assist you to break free?
4. What benefits do you receive by not acting?
5. What is interfering with your creative expressions?
6. Or your ability to communicate?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Sun**: There will be a change for the better, regardless of these adverse conditions.
- **Swords on all sides**: Check into your health, there is a possibility of a need for medical attention or an operation.
- **Next to Hanged Man**: Do not make matters worse - do nothing now, just keep quiet.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Here is the mental crusade that is launched by the mature mind, the higher mind, which in order to be unbounded in its pursuit of universal knowledge, must bind and control to its proper limits the more limited capacity of the lower mind/ego. The paradox - in order to be unlimited the mind must be limited.

In the second position: Ideas which are both solid, having proved themselves in the practical arena and ideas which are fluid and changing in search of other ideas to mix with - such is your greatest material asset. While this may be your mind itself, it is likely that these ideas have materialized into your surroundings. Physical as they may be, they are your ideas.

In the third position: You may be deprived of complete understanding of the immediate situation, but only so that you may look

for the greater meaning that lies beneath the obvious. Wear your blinders with conviction, letting others who offer lead you. You are far from lost - you seek a direction that ordinary sight cannot provide.

In the fourth position: The passion here is for the product of mind, for some, almost a love of mind itself, a desire by mind to know mind, wherein it could then duplicate itself, multiply its contents and through such increase make its excess of knowledge available to others. To be so good at learning that there is both something to teach and the time to teach it.

In the fifth position:: You do not have a clue as to how to reconcile all of the input in the present situation. But somewhere in-between what you think, what your friends and advisors think and your hunches about what the hierarchy has to say about the matter - therein lies the answer. Productive confusion.

In the sixth position: Your involvement with many others in mental matters creates new dimensions in your emotional house for your relationships and your creative projects. Your intellectual progress in the near future is startling to those around you, perhaps even to yourself as well.

In the seventh position: As the identity of the lower self sees its place in the universal mind and feels its thoughts merging with the one, the ego looks for ways in which it can survive and die at the same time. This is not an identity crisis if all goes well, rather it is an identity opportunity.

In the eighth position: Mental enterprise is underway - the possibilities are limitless and there is great chance of success as you have utilized many levels of input in addition to your own. Many people look to you with confidence.

In the ninth position: The heart sympathizes with the mind's dilemma and is doing all that it can to meet the challenge of satisfying all facets of ego pulling the diverse views together.

In the tenth position: This dark night/light morning of the soul, the death of the ego and birth of the Ego, will reach its peak not later than this time next year, but can be as soon as tomorrow or even today.

Eight of Swords (R)

Begin your freedom - see clearly how you have created the situation you are experiencing. Spontaneously utilize your creativity/ imagination and your logic/reason - combine these elements of your mind. See things clearly and turn this situation around - use your powers to transform your situation. Recognize where in your life you have power and rebuild your self-confidence. You have a tremendous potential for focusing on innovative ideas and releasing the necessary burst of energy. Stop deliberately getting yourself into *"seemingly"* impossible situations in order to *"force"* a really creative solution. Choose to use your intuition and ingenuity to liberate yourself - be receptive when the pressure is being released and KNOW that you will soon be free to forge ahead. Believe and trust that there will be relaxation from all your tension and fears as the pressures ease off and the whole situation just seems to turn around. Prepare your mind now to enjoy more freedom of thought and activity.

There may be an attempt to force this new level of revelation and awareness of emotional instincts and their accompanying spiritual realities into existing lower level mental molds - this could lead to philosophical dead ends and frustration may result. The lower ego may rebel, not wanting to accept its inevitable conversion. The onset of doubts about your ability to accept more responsibility. Are you working in the right arena, on the right projects?

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In the first position: Some refer to this process, begun with the 7 and running through the 10 as the "dark night of the soul", others call it "death of the ego". It is but the metamorphosis of the small, personal, caterpillar ego changing into the grand butterfly Ego that will grow to encompass Universal Mind.

In the second position: Be cautious of your lower ego. Your ideas may not be big enough by themselves for where you want and need to go next.

In the third position: You are trying to see everything with your eyes - surely you know this is not possible.

In the fourth position: This passion, the love of the mind itself - is the trap of mind itself. A selfish, possessive attitude toward knowledge and the gifts of the mind. It must be overturned or in time there will be little or nothing for anyone to steal.

In the fifth position: One or the other inputs to the matter at hand has not been reconciled and indecision prevails. At its worst this distortion depresses the mind, making it less and less capable, more dependent on the heart and of course grace. At the extreme, rational ability is severely handicapped. A first step up out of the trap is to go with any of the options, anything but indecision. You can correct your course later, after you are out of the pit.

In the sixth position: It becomes harder and harder, as you work closely with others of like goals and ideologies, to keep all your lessons in their proper places.

In the seventh position: As the identity of the lower self sees its place in the universal mind and feels its thoughts merging with the one, the ego looks for ways in which it can survive and die at the same time. The process is not going well and has created an identity crisis. On one extreme, the identity aligns much too closely with the universal mind loosing its individuality. On the other extreme, the identity balks and does anything it can to avoid alignment.

In the eighth position: Either things may have started a bit prematurely or there is some delay waiting for more input.

In the ninth position: The heart may be over sympathetic and therefore not do as well as it might to help the situation. On the

other hand, the heart may be entirely unsympathetic and initiate a program of its own to resolve the situation.

In the tenth position: Initially, you may not be enthused about the identity that emerges, missing a bit too much the old you - rest assured - this is the real you. Imagine the butterfly preferring its caterpillar body. While it is proper to miss your caterpillar stage, after all it was you, it is not proper to want to return to it.

Eight of Wands

There will be acceleration in your affairs now. News is coming in and there will be "orderly growth" with much cosmic help. You are coming to the completion of your goals - you have reached the end of your journey and your efforts will now be completed as messages are exchanged, action is taken, proposals are made and accepted and mutual settlements will be reached. Any block or obstacle that you are experiencing internally or externally can be transformed or resolved now if you communicate directly, for you have found your focus and have the ability to express your energies creatively.

Your goals are within reach and new ideas will bring satisfactory conclusions. Enthusiasm can sweep people off their feet and get them moving with you. Your freedom of speech and personal expression are vital to you; however - unleashed, your imagination can flow unchecked - a burst of energy felt as an "urgency to get moving" or a frenzy of activity. Gentle these impulses with quiet meditation and the effort of self-control. Blend all of your opposite traits and skills into a harmonious whole. Establish and affirm the vision of perfect harmony. Find your genius - inspire, relax and heal others - help bring them into their own harmony.

Here is the level of emotional drive and commitment to matters spiritual. The love of God moves you as the higher emotions put you to work for the Spiritual Plane. Major creative/spiritual breakthroughs are possible. Rapid growth, High level of energy and strong sense of purpose. Your course is well plotted and you busy yourself now implementing it. Spiritual activities increase as devotional/ritual assume greater significance and take up more time and space in your regimen. Your spiritual foundation is on the move - agile and light on its feet. The same penchant for order that ran through the level of Fours is at work here, only more so, but there is little pause for order in and of itself. Here, order is the expected norm and is maintained per diem ingrained into your habits. No pauses are necessary to put things in order. One foot walks on the foundation above in spirit, the other foot walks on the foundation below on earth. This power is especially formidable in the Suite of Wands, where the Eight acts as receiver from above, transmitter to below. The means for expressing these messages permeate the world of the artist, the writer, the sage/teacher and the gifted channel/medium. The energy of Tantra Yoga contributes here. inner, spiritual communication.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you rushing into?
2. A relationship, a new direction for growth, a belief or philosophy?
3. What are you being "carried away" by or overwhelmed with?
4. What do you feel the urge to move on quickly?
5. What do you need to tell others about?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Sun**: Good vibrations are present - you can anticipate a pleasant gathering - emit your charm.
- **Next to Lovers**: Promises will be given now - your future is being discussed - warm, genuine conversations taking place.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Although you do not have to be a vagabond, a spiritual traveler you will be. In conscious thought, in daydreams, in meditative trance, in the dreams of deep sleep, in astral travel - you will roam the ether following your quest to know more of your God. You will return home time and time again to share your latest discoveries with those who choose to turn into your channel.

In the second position: Although your surroundings and personal habits are relaxed and natural, they are nevertheless very organized and that is one of your strongest points. You may have considerable belongings, but everything you have is working in regular use, be it an old reference book or a cooking utensil you collected on your last trip.

In the third position: Listen and you will hear from your heart the ever soft whispers from the ether reaches of our space and time blowing through the trees in the inner courtyard of the garden of Eden.

In the fourth position: The deep appreciation of things in the now, of beauty intrinsic in nature and man, is paralleled by a desire to see the beauty of the unseen. This is the desire to see God that infuses all great artists' work. This emotional path is highly sensual.

In the fifth position: You are very aware of the richness of possibility around you. There is an abundance of information,

possibly an abundance of sources.

In the sixth position: Strong demands are being placed on your emotional house, for sincere commitment to the highest of standards by you and all those around you sharing this path.

In the seventh position: In the near future you will be washed with a wave of confidence to urge you forward. Your mental projects will be clear and flow much more easily afterwards.

In the eighth position: You are moved, perhaps not with a moving van, but nevertheless moved. Everything has probably remained the same here in the Physical/material Plane, at least for now. Spiritual change inevitably brings change to all the planes - sometimes the change is subtle and sometimes it is not.

In the ninth position: Inspiration has struck and with a mighty hammer. There may be more information than you think you can handle. You are in the midst of that wonderful moment of original creativity when the sheer magnificence of what you have just been handed humbles you to acknowledge a source outside and above you, but at the same time you also are intensely aware that it is indeed you as well operating as creator.

In the tenth position: The order and organization that you need to move forward will be easy to achieve and your heart will provide all the energy you need.

Eight of Wands (R)

You tend to get carried away with new ideas - try not to loose sight of your perspective or your self-confidence now. Take any sudden infatuations or new ideas in stride and control your emotions. Your own apprehension can create insecure feelings and cause you to procrastinate. Act swiftly and communicate directly. Jealousy arises from uncertainty and confusion - in both your own feelings and the feelings of others. Quarreling solves nothing and any force or pressure could ruin all your plans. When things are not "working for you" - take the time to reevaluate your situation. Know and trust that a slight adjustment can and will change everything.

Here are the problems of extremes - a major temptation is to move too fast. To try is like letting a rubberband be drawn tighter as the lead end move on - eventually the tail end must be let loose and will spring forward to join the lead end in one great snap to make up for the lost time. The backlash can hurt.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Even though you may never leave home, the life of the spiritual gypsy will take your soul where it needs to go - keep your spiritual bags packed. Being a messenger is not easy; remember that he is the one who frequently catches the worst of it.

In the second position: You have tried to make your surroundings and personal habits relaxed and natural, yet organized and working. To date - you have been unable to operate as efficiently, as responsively as you would like.

In the third position: What you hear may be more for others than for yourself.

In the fourth position: The depth of feeling here may be compassionate yet private, shying away from physical contact, preferring to look inward.

In the fifth position: You are not pleased with the intensity that is imposing itself on you. You may question the validity of the information and/or the sources you have been receiving. At a very distorted extreme, you may be aware that you are passing poor information.

In the sixth position: Slow things down a little bit. This will give time for the sincere yet slower members of your group to catch up. Also this will give those less sincere the opportunity to lose patience and drop out of their own accord.

In the seventh position: This is a wave of doubt to make you reconsider and rework mental projects that are not yet up to your full potential.

In the eighth position: Awareness seems to be outpacing action. Your foundation may be too heavy and unable to respond.

In the ninth position: Your heart may struggle with giving, or accepting, credit where it is due.

In the tenth position: The mobile organization that will support your goals may require considerable reorganization. It will be easier than it looks.

The Emperor

To BE something, to KNOW something and to BE CAPABLE OF something is what endows a person with authority. Retain your inner balance now and from the exhaustless riches of the Limitless Substance - you can draw all things needful, both spiritual and material. Spiritually - aspire your highest goals, mentally - build according to a logical and practical set of plans, physically - act upon your goals and plans, emotionally use your anger to motivate you and you will achieve your visions.

Reason is the function of your conscious mind - handle your affairs in a systematic manner and you will know concrete results. You will experience the wisdom and authority necessary to produce stability, solidity, organization and foundation. If you wish for Spirit to manifest itself, it is necessary for you to create a space of *"emptiness"* for Spirit to use to assist you in focusing on the truth and to achieve this, you must be willing to put aside your personal opinions. If you wish to receive a revelation of truth - you must put aside your personal development and allow yourself to be guided by the Master.

God governs the world by authority - not by force. The Emperor owes his authority not to his power *"over"* human beings - but because he represents them before God. He has authority because he is human and represents all that is human and the more truly human you become - the more you manifest the "image and likeness of God". (Genesis 1:26) To write your own *"constitution"* - clarify your objectives and give meaning to your life. Accept the spiritual responsibility for yourself and do not shrink from your desires and passions. Once you have defined your goals - put all your powers and faculties together so that they become available to you in practical ways - then you can manipulate them in the direction of your heart's desire. Oversee your work to insure that it is solid. Your place in the scheme of things is to wake up to your specific reason for being here in this place and time. You come to know who you are, by learning who you are not. The imperatives of your physical body, the aspirations of your mind, the passions of your heart, the limits and opportunities of the world and the pull of your spirit, must all be represented and consulted in any decision - making process.

You are free to believe or not to believe, for nothing can compel you to have faith - there is no physical torture or logic that can force you to believe, to recognize or accept the authority of God - however, once accepted - the divine power can manifest itself and the powerless become powerful. Stability allows for spiritual development, however - if you lose touch with your passions, your life soon becomes cold and barren. The crucial test in the process of maturing is to absorb the rules, traditions and beliefs you have been taught and then go beyond them to find your own personal code of conduct.

Recognize the power of society, its laws and its authority to enforce those laws - then order your thoughts and energies and seek stability as you allow yourself to experience wholeness and unity within yourself. You are entering a time of stability and order which will open you to creative energy. Maintain dominion over your mind, your emotions and your body. Continue to practice and make use of your "spiritual exercises" if you wish to awaken the deeper layers of your consciousness. Focus on achieving the state of concentration without effort, which is followed by *"inner"* silence. This *"inner"* silence becomes inspired thought as your conscious unites with the super conscious. Your conscious receives the inspired thought, then reviews and summarizes it. The aim of "*spiritual exercise*" is depth - what a person KNOWS is the result of personal experiences - while the *"depth"* and extent of that knowledge is what you have "*in common*" with others. It is only after having asked, sought and knocked - having received, found and gained - that one truly KNOWS.

Questions to Answer:

1. Where do your ambitions lie?
2. What are you organizing, building, doing?
3. What kind of Emperor are you - energetic and imaginative or rigid and unreceptive?
4. Who is establishing guidelines, parameters and structures in your life?
5. Who has the power and authority and how is it being used?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Emperor in his home, meanings are at their strongest. You must now accept that you are born to be a leader of leaders - the five star general amongst a host of generals. Your willpower will be central in all that you do.

In the second position: You are a master in the game of life - strong physically, financially, politically and socially.

In the third position: This is a time for order, discipline and rules. You must assert yourself, taking more responsibility and an active leadership role. You might be tempted to go a bit easy except that other people depend on you and helping them is the

best thing you could do for yourself as well.

In the fourth position: Power and authority are attractive to many people, but for you, this archetype makes this serious business. You have a conventional desire for love and sex, with courtship and engagement - probably with an older, but certainly an established, mate.

In the fifth position: You are prioritizing, establishing procedures, making important decisions, confronting reality head - on and taking control. The person of the Emperor may be putting in an appearance as an advisor.

In the sixth position: Here is the impact of position and power in your emotional house in the near future. If you are beefing up you act, how are others reacting?

In the seventh position: You are being pulled toward more leadership and power. There will be stability in your mental program, a base from which you assert your willpower to assure ordered progress.

In the eighth position: You are very much in charge and on top of the situation. Your authority is recognized and complied with.

In the ninth position: Your heart is opening up to the idea of having power and control. You are beginning to trust yourself. You are comfortable with the cast of characters, the politics of the moment, whether internal in the family or external in business. The person of the Emperor may be entering your heart.

In the tenth position: You are about to become a significant part of a strong system. You can be asked to accept a position of leadership that is right for you. It may be so right that you seem to be inheriting it. You will begin here your move toward maximum power and responsibility for this lifetime.

The Emperor (R)

The reflection of your conscious mind formulates the beliefs of your sub-conscious mind. You structure your experiences by establishing organized patterns of thought through which you collect the beliefs which you think are reasonable and rational. These beliefs form the *"framework"* in which your experiences are tested and *"laws"* are generated here. There is a resistance to change, as you enclose yourself in a *"reality"* that has been created by the reflection of your intentions and focuses. Your reasoning mind directs and focuses your feelings and imagination.

Remain strong - always seek a positive direction. Plan and work each day - concentrate on your self-discipline. Take the time to understand the motives of the people around you - focus your energy on "*cleaning house*" and removing the things you do not want in your home. "*Benevolence and compassion*" result in the development of new life, even in a stormy desert - but if taken too far - it can signifying immaturity or the inability to make harsh decisions and carry them through. Distortions that materialize with too much or too little excess knowledge which can bring with it the abuse of power. Your personal health lies in taking the middle path.

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1. Where do your ambitions lie?
2. What are you organizing, building, doing?
3. What kind of Emperor are you - energetic and imaginative or rigid and unreceptive?
4. Who is establishing guidelines, parameters and structures in your life?
5. Who has the power and authority and how is it being used?
6. Do you find it hard to take "no" for an answer?
7. Are you overly competitive, pushing your body beyond normal limits - to the point of burn - out?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You have learned many of these lessons of leadership in past lives and much of what you do here is to assist others with these same lessons. In effect you may be teaching leadership.

In the second position: Check your resources as a general would check his men - their physical condition (health and equipment), their emotional well-being (sex life) and their state of mind (loyalty).

In the third position: Look to the leadership of someone obviously capable to help you with your responsibilities. Your goals can best be met by teaming up with another person or group, perhaps more established and experienced than you/yours.

In the fourth position: You may have more than enough ambition for you, your mate and your entire family.

In the fifth position: You may be conjuring up more than the situation needs - loosen up some and do not assume more responsibility than necessary.

In the sixth position: The person or influence of the Emperor may be asserted over you, testing your true strength and the depth of your motivations.

In the seventh position: At one extreme, you may be tempted to accept a position simply for status. At another extreme, the Emperor puts in an appearance as someone you are tempted to follow or emulate. Think twice, maybe three times.

In the eighth position: You may be overstepping your bounds for this situation or you are not stepping in where you should.

In the ninth position: At one extreme, your heart is not only opening up to this archetype - it is over enthusiastic to a fault. At the other extreme, the heart is closing on the idea of responsibility and power - too much so for good balance.

In the tenth position: Even though this opportunity is correct for your karmic path, you may be more influenced by a sense of duty because it seems so right for so many others, for so many reasons, that you cannot say no to it.

The Empress

You are promised growth, prosperity and fertility in all things - your needs will be fulfilled with joy and satisfaction. Your original seeds were well planted - the harvest is wonderful and now is the time to reap the benefits -the results will be much larger than you anticipated. Look forward to a happy conclusion - you are coming to the end of hard work and sacrifice. Soon recognition and rewards will come for all your efforts. Respond to your memory and it will produce growth through your imagination - the solid stability which is the activity behind all manifestation. Growth, expansion and freedom result in self-expression, luck and extravagance as your talents and interests unfold.

Freedom and growth are the keys - allow yourself to experience the fruit of your *"inner"* mind, your creative imagination through which you give birth to your sense of physical reality - all possibilities stream from here. We all grow through open-hearted encouragement and understanding. Through your imagination you can project ideas into the future, anticipate behavior and integrate your outer and inner experiences as your conscious mind focuses on the intent, combines with the knowledge of your inner, intuitive mind to project the images into future reality. Give your loving heart, your creative mind, your physical energy and your spiritual understanding to help yourself and others unfold.

Pure emotion, deep intuitive understanding through a passionate approach to life. You learn to give and take experiences with uncontrolled feelings - to experience the outer world completely, so that you might one day transcend it. The first step to enlightenment is sensuality - only through passion can you sense from deep within. Your body and the world are realities which must be integrated - they can not be denied. No fruit is too small, no being is too weak, no idea is too foolish and no emotion is too immature. Return to your natural state and allow yourself to experience life directly. Life is a creative unfolding - approach it through your feelings, rather than through thought - for this is your time of passion...

The power of LOVE is twofold - divine and human. It is united through human words or action and it provides more than simple *"healing"*. It restores freedom as it releases you from doubt, fear, hate, apathy and despair. The inspiration and intuition that you seek can not be accomplished by your *"will"* - they are gifts from above which are preceded by the efforts of your *"will"* to become worthy of those gifts. Instead of putting forth your hand to *"take"* - learn to open your mind, your heart and your will to *"receive"* that which is graciously bestowed upon you. There is no faith, hope or love without the experience of *"grace"* - which is the Divine gift. No logical reasoning or moral action, can awaken faith. Reasoning eliminates the obstacles, misunderstandings and prejudices in order to help you establish the state of *"silence"* necessary to allow you to experience faith - the silence which *"moves"* the soul. No spirit, soul or body could live if entirely deprived of all love, hope and faith.

Experience the *"silence"* and the Divine within you will spark love and make it grow and spread through His *"grace"*. Emotionally preserve the essence and quality of life; mentally give birth to new ideas; physically nurture your life creations and spiritually protect them with a healing and compassionate hand.

Life in the mental body - education, knowledge, teacher of teachers, student of students - oracles and prophets report here. The birth of logic and reason. The organizing and ambitious side of *"female"* energy aspiring to the best for herself and her family/ friends.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are your nurturing and mothering qualities being used right now?
2. What creative projects are growing and developing?
3. What are you attracting to you?
4. Who is inspiring and nurturing you?
5. How are you indulging your senses?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your abilities are needed to bring greater efficiency to bear. There is strong discipline here as you feel the calling to further the progress of civilization along the ideal of the Greeks, especially Plato. Education and knowledge are your tools. Your motivation must strive for an understanding of God and the nature of spirituality if man is to progress.

In the second position: Your physical foundation rests on stability itself. Good habits and a regimen of daily rituals that serve you well, keeping you healthy and fit. Your education will serve you wherever you go.

In the third position: This is your call to accept leadership and responsibility, to organize and move forward with mental goals. Meditate on The Empress to find guides who may want to use this archetype in this reading.

In the fourth position: Here is a love for the ideal of Empress/Princess. The established, all capable female - not the damsel in distress.

In the fifth position: At this time you are clear headed, a good judge of character and situations with keen self-awareness. Others are sensing and trying to avail themselves of your spirit of cooperation. A person - the Empress - may be giving you good advice.

In the sixth position: As you take on more knowledge and responsibility in the near future to satisfy your hunger for self-improvement and advancement, you must make the necessary adjustments in your Emotional Plane. Do your loved ones want the same things for you that you do?

In the seventh position: You feel the time might be right to seek additional authority and power for your proper growth and for the benefit of others. You know you may have to acquire more knowledge or stretch a bit.

In the eighth position: The Empress may actually be on the scene, or at least her energy is here. Your position is strong and defensible if necessary - to some she is the Archangel Gabriel and guides the suit of Swords. Your karmic purpose is on-line and productive.

In the ninth position: You appreciate yourself and your abilities, your power and position in this well-deserved moment. Your heart may be disposed to the person of The Empress.

In the tenth position: The near future shows many windows of opportunity opening for you, but with considerably more responsibility than at present. The Empress may be a woman figuring significantly in this. Here comes the status you have waited for. This can be a re-assertion of the mental aspect of your karmic contract.

The Empress (R)

Emotionally preserve the essence and quality of life - mentally give birth to new ideas. Physically nurture your life creations and spiritually protect them with a healing and compassionate hand. Release yourself - hold on to your beliefs and *"FEEL"* the power inside you - allow the opposites to come together in conscious love and awareness. Recognize that feeling insecure or experiencing career setbacks are wasted energies that result in feelings of despair and failure - unproductive activity that will effect your home and your income. When this occurs, you need to seek *"inner"* council - seek answers to your questions and the solutions will present themselves. Knock and you will be allowed to enter. You can not retreat from your feelings - reject or deny your emotions or suppress your desires. You must solve your emotional problems through your intellectual awareness by calmly thinking through them and allowing yourself to experience a more stable and rewarding balance.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will be passing on much of what past fives have taught you.

In the second position: Your physical foundation is your best resource, but needs some work to restore it to good order.

In the third position: Much of this call may be for the benefit of others rather than yourself.

In the fourth position: Keep this ideal as a guide, not a firm blue print demanding exact construction to measurement.

In the fifth position: You do not think that you are very prepared at the moment and this will affect your decisions.

In the sixth position: At this time you may not be prepared emotionally for a big push in the mental plane.

In the seventh position: In one extreme, you may have more doubts and hesitation about moving up the ladder than yon would like to admit. In another extreme you may actually want to step back for awhile.

In the eighth position: You are not as prepared as you can and should be.

In the ninth position: At one extreme, you may be disappointed in how well you have done the business of The Empress. Or, you may be less than pleased with your position of authority.

In the tenth position: Others look to you for opportunities, knowledge and other things from the Empress's grab bag. Yes, you.

Five of Cups

Disappointment is the result of emotional attachment to an expectation that has gone unfulfilled. The *"negative"* mind views this as a loss and the outcome is sadness and heartache, which takes a while to heal. You find it hard to explain the turmoil you feel inside, the lack of harmony. You never sufficiently appreciate something until you have lost it. Letting go of a person or a lifestyle takes time - you are experiencing grief and learning to transcend deep loss. When something you have put your heart and soul into has not worked out, you experience disappointment, loss of harmony and doubt in the very beliefs that have sustained you. Turning your grief inward is appropriate for a short time. Actual healing takes place when you throw off the sorrow, pick up the pieces and renew your interactions with loving friends.

Focus all your energy on a new project - set your goals, but live in the moment. Release your attachment to *"expected"* outcomes and "*cross the bridges as you come to them*." Release yourself from heartache - accept your loss and release the sorrow. Make a conscious, determined choice to pick up the pieces and move forward towards your future - seek a new beginning.

Freedom and uncertainty - a multiplicity of choice at the emotional/creative level. The dilemma - how to preserve the order and discipline from your foundation while moving forward. Movement, but the activity is within a limited range while there is pause for reparation by the heart. Lack of movement, a pause - testing the waters of your emotional world, determining where and how to enhance it. The beginning of the need for priorities to grow into the extensions of self, family and close friends. On the positive side of this coin you see an easy going, light - hearted nature, agreeability, adaptability, openness, multifaceted personality, refreshing presence, emotional independence, unfettered creative originality. Sadness, disappointment, frustration, guild/shame/conscience, hesitation when appropriate. The positive effect of a brainstorming mind on the emotions.

Questions to Answer:

1. What does it seem you have lost?
2. What do you despair over?
3. What are you disillusioned or disappointed with?
4. What do you feel sorry about?
5. What are some possible alternatives to what you have lost?
6. What awaits your attention?
7. What have you learned from your mistakes?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Devil**: You need to reconsider everything - its time to get back on track and stop wasting your energies.
- **Judgment or Star in spread**: The Karmic condition has passed - the debt has been paid and there will be blessings for any new endeavors.
- **Three Wands plus Wheel of Fortune in spread**: It is time for action - negotiations are now possible. It is vital that you act immediately and leave your sorrows behind you.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Emotional freedom and choice lead the charge in this brigade. Uncertainty is accepted in the bargain. You will champion people's, even animal's rights across the board. You may choose the creative arts as your choice of weapon, to get your point across.

In the second position: Your physical/material base of operations is varied and decentralized, giving you a great deal of flexibility. Problems in one area are easily compensated for by strengths in other areas.

In the third position: Your soul is in a holding pattern as energies and entities catch up to one another. You now feel this most in your relationships, with people or to aspects of your own talents. With the uncertainty comes great freedom and time - use them well.

In the fourth position: You love your freedom and being able to choose. You thrive on the uncertainty of life. Your relationships, be they friend or lover, will have to give you a wide berth. This is not to say that you cannot be both an excellent friend and a good lover, but your ground rules will have to be accepted.

In the fifth position: You are approaching this emotional interim well, going over your relationships and/or your creative

interests doing some spring - cleaning before moving on. You are enjoying your sense of freedom and are looking backward now only so you can go forward.

In the sixth position: In the near future you will be given the opportunity to take five in your emotional/creative affairs. Here is the breathing room you have needed. Others may not be as thrilled as you are with these new circumstances, with your use of your time.

In the seventh position: In this next three months to a year, your emotional/creative obligations will be in balance and you will be completely free to establish a whole new range of relationships and/or create fresh from your talent pool.

In the eighth position: Physical or material projects for which you care a great deal are stagnant, maybe even ending or already finished. Personal creative projects or businesses, athletic endeavors, a competition - these are what can suffer in such times. You are dealing with these issues well. In one sense, there is even relief to be free of these *"loves"*.

In the ninth position: The heart is waiting. It knows it must move on but the time is not right. The urge is to enjoy the freedom, the range of choices. Time here is best spent on self - improvement, personal projects or in light friendships.

In the tenth position: The emotional and creative corner that you will be turning by this time next year, is a broad and gradual one. Just keep your hands on the wheel and your foot on the gas and you will make it to the straight - away again. Remind yourself that a straight road without a curve is boring.

Five of Cups (R)

Your emotional state has turned to sorrow as a result of this disappointment. You feel as if your dreams have been dashed and broken. Think carefully before making another major decision - you can not change what has happened. Continue to believe that the obstacles to love can be overcome - that you have only experienced the limitations and there is still hope. Allow your tears to flow and question what you have learned from this experience. Tomorrow brings a new dawn and things will look better as courage blossoms from your broken dreams. Life is never what it seems - there is always *"hope"* - this experience is not the end but an opportunity for a new beginning. Focus on happy news - make a conscious effort to let go of this disappointment. Focus all your energy on a new beginning - consider a new home or working environment and start building new ideas. You have learned well from past experiences - accept your loss and accept the support from others. Look forward to new friendships, new interests and new occupations. Take time to *"see"* what remains important to you even in the face of this sorrow and pain - focus on what remains for it is the solid basis of your life.

On the negative side of this coin are things like carelessness, inconsiderate of others feelings, frivolous behavior, emotional immaturity, wasting creative potential, unharnessed energy - looking at the emotional/creative losses instead of gains. The glass is seen as half empty rather than half full.

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2. What do you despair over?
3. What are you disillusioned or disappointed with?
4. What do you feel sorry about?
5. What are some possible alternatives to what you have lost?
6. What awaits your attention?
7. What have you learned from your mistakes?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Devil**: You need to reconsider everything. It is time to get back on track and stop wasting your energies.
- **Judgment or Star in spread**: The Karmic condition has passed - the debt has been paid and there will be blessings for any new endeavors.
- **Three Wands plus Wheel of Fortune in spread**: It is time for action - negotiations are now possible. It is vital that you act immediately and leave your sorrows behind you.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Although you guard your independence of lifestyle, preferring to go your own way, you may find yourself in frequent diversions fighting for the same lifestyle for others. An ironic twist for your Karmic Contract.

In the second position: Be sure that your support systems are not too diverse or too scattered and that you have the means to coordinate and draw on them all efficiently. Guard against fragmentation and duplicity.

In the third position: One or more of the distortions of this archetype will be centered now as energies and entities catch up to one another.

In the fourth position: Neither be wooed into giving up your freedom completely, much less enjoying restriction or imprisonment, nor be so footless and fancy free that you miss the lessons of this archetype altogether.

In the fifth position: In one extreme, you are so oriented to your freedom and the future that you may be leaving something important behind. In the opposite extreme, you are not as free as you should be, preferring to look backward, hanging onto issues that are truly finished except in your mind. Any of the distortions could creep in here - guilt, frustration or depression.

In the sixth position: You may not see this emotional/creative breather as such a positive light. If there is heartache here - it may be over the loss of something you never really had. There is also the possibility, in the opposite vein, that you have lost something of value and are oblivious to it.

In the seventh position: What now? The question may strike fear in your heart but this is the time for rethinking your emotional/creative world. Get over yourself and over others if need be, in order to get on with things.

In the eighth position: At this point you may be feeling one of two extremes: that you are profoundly affected and having trouble adjusting to the glitch in your Physical Plane or that you are unaffected, even glib and not taking appropriate stock of what has happened.

In the ninth position: The heart is impatient to realize its desires. Be cautious here neither to rekindle issues left in the past, nor to try and jump start situations that are not for you. In one extreme, this can be enormous heartache. In the opposite extreme, a more callous heart feels little at the loss of something or someone valuable.

In the tenth position: One or more of the distortions of this archetype will be aligned with grace in order for you to maximize the lessons of your Higher Emotions.

Five of Pentacles

You are experiencing worry - concern about the external things involving communication, health, finances, creativity, work and relationships. Take time to review what is happening in your life and what you really want. You are allowing your heart to rule your thinking - your emotions are involved and you can not see just how good life can be. Challenges of deprivation, insecurity and exclusion allow you to experience the upset that occurs when every effort towards stability is denied and everything you want to hold on to is taken from you. They help you recognize the transitory nature of physical and material desires.

New opportunity awaits, new possibilities - a better way will now be presented. Recognize that strategic review, regrouping and realignment are all necessary steps of forward progress. Channel all your thoughts and energy into your spiritual development, for it is here you will find rest and relief. When your home, work or security is threatened - choose how to handle it. Work at your situation slowly and steadily, trying different things until you get a combination that holds together and despite the hardships, you will continue to progress towards your goal and your rewards will be as great as your belief in what you can achieve.

This card represents movement, but the activity in this phase is within a limited range, while there is pause to take stock of your physical world before committing. Which among the good choices is yours? There is inherent restlessness in this state - a positive instability that will eventually necessitate change. This is a time for repairing the nets so that you will be ready when the fish come. The self is adjusting to an increased demand on the soul, to give priority to others as well as self, primarily family and friends.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are your survival concerns?
2. What changes are you having difficulty dealing with?
3. What have you chosen to give up or do without? Why?
4. What are you worried or anxious about?
5. What conventions/traditions are you rebelling against?
6. What inequalities or injustices are you trying to change?

Special Messages:

- **Four Swords in spread**: A serious dispute, severance, or loss.
- **Next to Lovers**: A relationship could end because of a misunderstanding that is causing unhappiness.
- **Next to Nine or Ten of Cups**: Good Luck, inheritance or other monetary gain is indicated.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: It is especially hard to ask the Spiritual Plane to be patient, for the soul is ever so hungry to be reunited. But patience is the byword for this lifetime. Many of the qualities contemporary society does not value will be the hallmark of your path. Remember, in the right context, the ability to take it easy is a virtue of the highest order. Rest assured that this would not be your Karmic Path if your bases were not to be covered while you are taking a break.

In the second position: You are similar to the cat who can always land on her feet. You re resourceful in the hardest of circumstances, your instincts for survival close to that of an animal. Your physical/material demands are not that great. But like the tortoise and the hare, you, the tortoise, always get where you want to go, frequently before the other guy.

In the third position: Lack of movement, of apparent growth at the physical level. Your soul is waiting for things to line up, to catch up with each other. Gates must be constructed for us to move through.

In the fourth position: You love your physical freedom and your relationships, be they friend or lover, will have to give you a wide berth. This is not to say that you can not be both an excellent friend and a good lover, but your ground rules will have to be accepted.

In the fifth position: The mind is centered on the interim in your physical world allowing a reprieve. Rest and relaxation may be on the schedule. You may be occupied with mental pastimes.

In the sixth position: Here is the impact of the pause in your physical routine, of your new, if temporary, freedom in your emotional house.

In the seventh position: There is an appropriate lull in your affairs this year. Your mind needs the rest.

In the eighth position: Time out. Vacation. Rest and Relaxation. Do the things you could not otherwise if you were in your normal routine.

In the ninth position: The heart is helping you find happiness, whatever your circumstances - to enjoy leisure if that is your good fortune, to be able to find the silver lining in your physical troubles if that is your present lot. It offers no explanations, no excuses, just love.

In the tenth position: There will be a plateau in your Physical Plane to enable you to catch your breath. In this interim there are numerous tumblers that will be aligning to open your next gate. Use your time productively and the interim will be short and pleasant.

Five of Pentacles (R)

Accept this Karmic lesson and understand your burdens. Don't give up - look for the new opportunities created by this "set - back". Recognize that *"worry"* takes you to the future or to the past and has you totally avoiding the present. Stay in the present and handle things as they come up. Don't get pulled into the "what ifs" of tomorrow or the "if onlys" of yesterday. You are experiencing a deep spiritual need - go deep within and seek *"inner"* council. Your preoccupation with the past and the future has you totally avoiding the issues at hand. When you have accustomed yourself to suffering - a collapse can release you. Whether or not you can build something more positive from the collapse depends on yourself and the influence and opportunities around you. When you find things difficult to understand - show more empathy and do not allow your sense of *"pride"* to stand in your way. Remain positive and look ahead - your present situation is never permanent.

Not using the positive potential of a period of rest - too much movement when stillness is required. Looking at physical losses instead of gains - this is an effect of mind on the Physical Plane - problems that derive from lack of movement. When money doesn't move the economy falters - personal finances suffer. When you do not exercise your muscles atrophy. If you don't move the proper foods through your body, your health suffers.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You may be asked to help many others with this path.

In the second position: Physical assets may not exist or be liquid enough if a project is the question. Your needs may outreach your means. Physically, you may not be up to the task of the moment.

In the third position: Improvement, increase in efficiency, progress must come from a shoring up of the existing situation.

In the fourth position: Being in virtual bondage as if owned is one far extreme here, it's opposite is irresponsible, non - committal freedom. Either present great difficulties.

In the fifth position: Perhaps you have decided in these matters, but not correctly. Think through carefully your income and your expenses, i.e. how/where it comes in and how/where it goes out. A plan for bribery or extortion would show here.

In the sixth position: Here is the impact of the pause in your physical routine, of your new, if temporary, freedom in your emotional house.

In the seventh position: Because you are not confident that the physical/material tunnel you are in has a light at the end of it, you are hurting your ability to find that light. But your inability to see the light is only because the tunnel has a curve in it. You must move into and through the tunnel enough to pass the blind curve.

In the eighth position: One possibility is that hard lessons on your path have stopped you so that you can focus your attention and redirect your activities - these can include financial or health problems. Another result of imbalance here is the lack of choice or freedom. Another is the reverse, to be too free, unattached and out of the system altogether. This complete freedom is total uncertainty, cut off from motivation and direction. Surely you are not slacking off.

In the ninth position: On the one hand, this heart is indifferent to the problems of the physical plane. On the other hand, you could be exacerbating the problem with overreaction and misplaced sentiment.

In the tenth position: At least one and maybe more of your most troublesome imbalances in this archetype will be righted for you.

Five of Swords

You are experiencing difficulty in communicating your ideas to others - see how your mind creates doubt and pessimism which fragments your thinking. Decisions become difficult, bringing confusion and doubt as you experience memories of defeat, conflict and loss. The *"image"* of an enemy can refer to a real person, to an overall situation or to an *"inner"* feeling of inadequacy when the battle has been lost and the weight bears down heavily - resulting in weakness and a sense of humiliation. Rely on your *"inner"* voice now as others try to impose their ideas on you. Take a look at your thinking - your thoughts are *"conditioned"* from the ways society says you have not done well enough. Are your thoughts so rigid that there is no room for other opinions? One persons perception of *"defeat"* is another persons perception of *"success"*. Trust that you have the faith and wisdom to move through the fears generated in your mind and accept input from others without letting it destroy your own perspective. Consider it a means of looking at all the possibilities and rejecting none.

Use your creative visualization and affirmation now - cut out the negative thinking. Trying to prove that you are right is not going to change peoples minds - you may win a point and lose your best friend in the process. When you have been hurt or injured by an encounter - you will need to heal and be made whole again. Call on the spiritual strength inside you for guidance. Great healers gain their gifts from personal wounding that has been transcended and now allows them to assist others in the same process.

Activity is local, circular and repetitive rather than linear, yet is progressive. Rummaging the file cabinet of the mind, investigating, reviewing, evaluating, prioritizing. Picking up the pieces you want and discarding the rest. Looking for potential problems, but only to ferret them out, not to be negative. The self begins to become a larger self with priorities that include the extended family of loved ones and close friends. Detailed planning, contemplation, thoughts and communication flowing freely. Collecting information, experimenting with ideas - continuing education, but only to flush out your existing fields of knowledge - nothing drastic or new. Mental patience, appropriate worry, sadness or disappointment as you prepare for next vital move.

Questions to Answer:

1. Do you expect to get "stung" in this situation?
2. What are you afraid of?
3. What is causing division in the solidarity of your group?
4. Why don't you feel good about what you are doing?
5. What do you need in order to feel good?
6. What would be the ethical thing to do?
7. What is so important to you that you have to prove everyone else wrong?

Special Messages:

- **Between the Four and Nine of Swords**: Could signify hospitalization - look into your health.
- **Next to Devil**: Careless spending will result in financial distress.
- **Next to Magician**: You are misusing your abilities - do not become overconfident - reconsider any recent decision.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: While others may be involved in unproductive play or bogged down in monotonous routine, you are skipping delightfully down the middle of them both, serious about your leisure and lighthearted about your work. You must make all the minutes count. Centered so thoroughly in the now, what many others overlook, your keen eye picks up with ease. You are a master at choosing, at selection. A keen judge of character.

In the second position: Your file cabinet or its equivalent is what you rely on to make your living. There is always an idea, a solution in your bag. You can jettison a losing position quickly in favor of a better solution. Your quickness of mind enables you to keep many irons in the fire. This archetype serves well the researcher/experimenter.

In the third position: It may be a mental holiday, but you had better take your homework along. A time for editing. How to make the past relevant to the future? For now, forget the long - range plan. Use one interim plan after another. Concentrate on the short term.

In the fourth position: Your passion for mental exchange, conversation, debate, critique leads you by the nose. Your fascination with language and communication serves you well in your relationships and hopefully this talent is being used professionally. This archetype serves well the newspaper reporter. God bless your supportive mate and family.

In the fifth position: The mind thinks of itself here - how to improve, to better satisfy its goals. With what does it want to spend its time? Brainstorming an idea or project without a pressing deadline. Mental leisure is at the top of your agenda.

In the sixth position: You are to be given breathing room in your mental affairs in the near future. Those normally around you may not be as pleased with your new circumstances are you are, but the pause is what you need to shore up these relationships. The resulting adjustments will bring improvements.

In the seventh position: The advantage of a pause will give you time to beat the bushes and shake out the cobwebs before pushing on toward your main goals.

In the eighth position: Mental projects for which you care a great deal are stagnant, maybe even ending or already finished. Research, re - education, journals/histories/autobiographies, critiques, debates - these are what can suffer in such times. You are dealing with these issues well. In some cases, you may actually be relieved to be free of these projects.

In the ninth position: The mind swirling in the Emotional Plane. Heart's priority is on your mental situation, concerned about your progress toward goals of the ego.

In the tenth position: You will be given the break, the freedom you need to reorder your thoughts, to pick up the loose ends. Any ideas inappropriate to your karmic path will no longer impress you as you see them in a new light given this additional time.

Five of Swords (R)

You are experiencing the despair felt after a defeat. See how your mind creates doubt and pessimism - look directly at your defeatist thinking. You defeat yourself with your own doubt and skepticism. It is time that you look at changing your own attitudes - let go of your pride and release this narrow view point - your own *"ego"* is inhibiting you. An old wound has been opened and you are experience fear associated with that memory - thoughts that history might repeat itself or that you could be hurt again. Your vision has been distorted by the past. Allow yourself to be sensitive to this deception in a personal situation - be receptive to the things that are causing you all these emotional problems. When you are involved in an unfair decision that is hard to correct - be patient with your emotions.

Too much or too little mental freedom - uncertainty. Too many or too few choices. Mind looks at itself ineffectively and will tend to be too passive and lax or will be over enthusiastic and cause havoc. Criticism of self and others can be harsh and inaccurate. A sharp tongue. A sense of mental loss rather than gain. Anger, confusion, argument, covering things up, impulsive, impatient, hasty, nervous, stubborn, complacent. Inappropriate worry, sadness, depression, disappointment, guilt or shame. The general is concentrating on his plan of retreat.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: With your gifts you will be called upon to fill in where there are gaps, where bridges need to be built and missing links filled.

In the second position: You can be too quick to shift positions. Restlessness, inconsistency, a sharp tongue, may have weakened your foundation.

In the third position: Avoid the distortions of this archetype by keeping them in mind - be decisive in "small steps", with things which you have control over and can be certain - then expand.

In the fourth position: Your passion may be for the heat of the argument or simply to possess large quantities of information for your own satisfaction, to be clever for the sake of being clever.

In the fifth position: The question here is about ideas and goals - not the emotions. In one extreme, you are so oriented to your freedom of expression and the future that you may be leaving something important behind. In the opposite extreme, you are not as free as you should be, preferring to look backward, hanging onto old issues or ideas that are truly finished except in your mind.

In the sixth position: Your heart may not know how to react to this mental delay. In many respects it puts more of a spotlight on the Emotional Plane to take the lead, at least for awhile.

In the seventh position: As the mind whirls about here and there picking up bits and pieces, it must be clear on where everything comes from and give credit where credit is due.

In the eighth position: At this point you may be feeling one of two extremes: First, that you are profoundly affected and having trouble adjusting to the mental glitches in your Physical Plane. Second, that you are unaffected, even glib and not taking appropriate stock of what has happened.

In the ninth position: Depression and disappointment. On the one hand, this heart is indifferent to the problems of the Mental Plane. On the other hand, you could be exacerbating the problem with overreaction and misplaced sentiment.

In the tenth position: With freedom can come the crushing weight of uncertainty and heavy burdens on free will, but grace here spares you this sort of agony to give you a healthy push into the stage of your Higher Emotions.

Five of Wands

You are feeling the stress of continuous competition - finding your ideas being continually tested through conflict and disagreements. You see life as a continuous battle. Always question authority - be firm and state the facts to clarify the situation and get the cooperation you require. Every form of oppression is an opportunity for liberation. Overcome the obstacles and you will know victory as you recognize that *"negativity"* confines your spirit. Discussions can be invigorating, giving you the opportunity to contribute your ideas and teach others what you know - but you must be willing to see a broader picture than just your own point of view. Stop trying to destroy or end the battle - begin to seek to find an outlet that will allow you to compete for the sheer joy of action. Live in the radiance of your spirit and you will soar. Free yourself from your self - made limitations by seeing yourself accurately.

Here is the paradox of freedom and uncertainty - a multiplicity of choice at the spiritual level as you have moved on from the foundation of the Four of Wands, yet not far enough to know your ultimate direction. An active pause. Paradox begins to play a bigger role on your path. With the Four of Wands you feel you have a reasonable grasp of the situation - here, you feel humbled by the magnitude of the potential and tasks at hand and to come. Similar to the come-down you feel when you graduate from high school and first set foot on a university campus. Here is where you test your wings to see if you are ready to fly. There is unlimited freedom to choose and therein lies the nature of the new struggle. You must defend your belief structures to date, even against yourself, as you dredge it all up for review. Validation of principles, spiritual options. A possible or likely reordering of priorities. The struggle to rationalize the intuitive. As the self expands, its struggle to include others, principally very close loved one and friends, before it can enter more universal waters. The duality of the Physical/Spiritual.

Questions to Answer:

1. How and with whom are you competing?
2. What obstacles are you confronting?
3. How do you present your ideas to others?
4. With whom are you quarreling or arguing and over what?
5. What are you so excited about? What games are you playing?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Hermit**: Only you can achieve what must be done - do not rely on others now.
- **Sun and Star to the left and right, or above and below**: This lesson will give you a deeper understanding of prosperity.
- **Next to Devil**: Do not worry about making amends - no one cares.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Everything in this lifetime will go towards discovering, then clarifying your spiritual position. You enjoy the challenge of defending your faith, because you always discover new weaknesses in your argument and retire to your theological den to make the needed repairs.

In the second position: You could probably talk your way into or out of just about any situation. For just as the snake charmer actually controls the cobra with subtle rhythms, so can you charm your audience when you need to. This is your art. You may or may not have many assets, but you certainly can get what you need when you need it.

In the third position: Here comes the tete-ta-tete you have been waiting for. And the timing is right for you. Take good notes for your position as such is not the winner. The contest is a draw. The winner is the one who takes something from everyone who participates and generates the solution.

In the fourth position: Passion here can be for the struggle, not for the path itself and you can come to enjoy the combat too much for your or anyone else's good. Avoiding the responsibilities that come with the maturity of choice. Once we choose one thing, we have not chosen all those other alternatives and must leave them behind, devoting our energies to the one rather than the many.

In the fifth position: It is up in the air and where it shall land nobody knows. Even the metaphors are mixed. But you helped toss *"it"*. Another healthy round of spiritual options, but these are all on the table, in the light of day, an intellectual game of "I'll show you mine if you show me yours".

In the sixth position: The near future sees you able to slow down in your spiritual affairs, to enjoy where you are for awhile.

Others around you, especially your antagonists and fellow players may not be happy with your new schedule. Patience, they will wait. They need you as much as you need them.

In the seventh position: Delays may present themselves as moral dilemmas. Let this push you to higher standards. Doing good must be hard, right? Wrong!

In the eighth position: Spiritual projects to which you have been committed are not moving at this time or perhaps they may not have materialized as planned.

In the ninth position: The heart is enjoying the freedom, the multiple interchanges and variety of energies of a changing cast of characters, as it knows the time is not right or spiritual commitment is still forming. The pieces with which it must merge are evolving also.

In the tenth position: The gift here is time, a freedom from the need to make major choices at the moment. But use the interim from pressure to reorder your priorities. That, however, does call for many smaller decisions.

Five of Wands (R)

Deal with your frustrations - these feelings of being restricted, contained or held back. When you are confronted by differing ideas - it creates confusion over what you are doing - your battle then lacks organization and unity. You need the cooperation of others if balance is to be achieved. See if the problem is your own conflicting beliefs. Adjust and reassess this situation - seek cooperation and move towards the creative endeavors that will allow you to express yourself fully. Maintain your balance - concentrate on finding a concept that will bridge varying beliefs and allow you to co - exist with others which will create new vibrations of peace and love. You will feel the sense of harmony which will create exciting new opportunities. Prepare your mind now - allow yourself to enjoy the generosity and attention you receive from others. Awaken to your self - awareness and release your confined spirit.

The mind is a strong influence and here its negative effects include - attachment to old forms and the temptation to over rationalize the issues. Non-conformity to your correct spiritual group/guides - the reluctant student. Difficulty with challenges of the path.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You may find yourself part of a group of individuals, all doing the same as you, somewhat like a rogue batch of monks traveling the Himalayan passes together.

In the second position: You may try to rely too much on your ability to charm simply because you are so good at it and it generally works.

In the third position: Your position going in may lose, but you can come out the winner anyway, by what you learn, by the terms negotiated in the peace treaty.

In the fourth position: Passion here can be for the struggle, not for the path itself and you can come to enjoy the combat too much for your or anyone else's good. In another look at this distortion, here can be a form of avoidance at getting on with the responsibilities that come with the maturity of choice. Once we choose one thing, we have not chosen all those other alternatives and must leave them behind, devoting our energies to the one rather than the many.

In the fifth position: On one extreme, you are not a willing participant in this round of wand beating. On another, you are looking for an opportunity to test your ideas, at this point to no avail. No contest.

In the sixth position: This may be a forced break that you are left with, rather than one chosen. One or more of your key spiritual playmates has taken a short respite for some reason or other.

In the seventh position: You may fear whether you can be good enough as your mind comes down on the side that sees how difficult a challenge true comprehension and authentic expression can be. But rest assured, there is another side where these will come to you with ease. Let the pendulum of your mind complete its swing through the difficult side.

In the eighth position: On one extreme, this is not stalled, but finished and you should turn your attention elsewhere rather than pouring more resources into what now belongs to the past. The other extreme shows your project moving but with much resistance and/or competition.

In the ninth position: Even without a spiritual resolution this is serious business and the heart should not be too light. Being too

serious too soon would be an error in the opposite extreme.

In the tenth position: A spiritual house cleaning to clear away loose ends, clean out the cobwebs, to order your notes, put old and tired theories to rest once and for all. You can no longer carry the extra luggage of outworn clothes just to make yourself feel like you have a great wardrobe.

The Fool

New beginnings will now be presented - fresh challenges. Let your mistakes be your lessons - "*look before you leap*". Your choice will affect your life path and others will effect this choice. Consider all the aspects as well as the consequences to yourself. Once you have made your choice you will see your new goals clearly, a strength of purpose will be revealed and you will overcome any fear that exists. Hard work, honesty and ethics are your keys - use your wisdom and opinions in practical ways and trust that marriage and relationships will provide a firm base or foundation. The Fools esoteric name is LOVE - he represents *"good"* and teaches the "*know-how*" of passing from intellectuality, which is moved by the desire for knowledge - to a higher knowledge based on love.

"Transformation" - the *"ego"* is no longer the author of the *"act"* but its receiver, through the decision to sacrifice the intellect to spirituality so that it grows and develops. The human endeavor is united with the action of grace from above - love aimed at universal salvation through the transformation of mankind and Nature.

The souls journey begins with the separation and opposition of the spiritual and intellectual elements. This advances to a kind of "peaceful coexistence" which soon becomes cooperation. This cooperation, having proven to be fruitful - becomes a complete fusion of these two elements. Finally logic becomes transformed from *"formal"* logic into *"moral"* logic, operating with the "value of values" - LOVE. Your prayer is never in vain or without effect.

Leap into this new phase of life - return to the *"child"* within you, be open to new experiences - be innocent and spontaneous, curious and playful. You are not here to cry about the miseries of the human condition, but to change them when they are not to your liking. Trust in the Universe, have faith that the Universe will take care of you - trust your Creator. Your spirit desires to break free of this boredom and take some risks. You are a Being not just a *"body"* - unlimited by nature. Through the joy, strength and vitality that is within you, begin to create your spirit faithfully and beautifully in flesh. Trust in your rightness and your completely original existence in this time and space. You were born into the flesh to materialize as best you can the great spontaneity of your nature, your genius is found in your childhood passions - believe that good results will come from the work done in your mind and trust that if you do the work - you can rest assured of the results.

Launch into your new adventure totally unafraid of the consequences - write your script and create your own play - be joyous now, for the possibilities are boundless. Mentally - be inquisitive. Emotionally - express your feelings without reserve. Physically - have fun with life. Spiritually - search for truth and seek to grow.

"Doubt" is more than just a psychological state of indecision - it is your souls temporary residence between the physical and the spiritual. It is the question "to live or not to live" - "to be or not to be". When you experience fear - keep going - you are never alone and your journey will result in knowledge, peace and liberation as you experience joy and adventure and learn to see through the illusions. The Fool - is what the world sees when they look upon someone who is truly enlightened - he does not follow their rules or share their weaknesses, so he appears to be a fool. The World represents the same enlightened person viewed from inside, by himself. Nature is always in harmony with the spirit who acts from instinct.

Your passions have been raised to a higher level. You carry your experiences with you, but they no longer control you. Your higher instinct fills and transforms all experiences - do not censure your thoughts - be open - minded and play with your ideas. You carry your wand of power so casually now that the world hardly notices it and the spirit force is always available to you, for you are not consciously trying to direct it. LOVE urges you to keep going, rather than settling for what you have already achieved. LOVE urges you on in spite of your fears and allows you to move without thought, to hold onto your faith and optimism and have faith in yourself and life. Remain practical when the burdens become too heavy - follow your instincts and feelings and allow yourself to flow gracefully with life. Experience life from moment to moment and stop trying to "plan everything out" - expect a miracle.

Here is the immortal mortal, invincibility. The magician has learned all his lessons. Complete lack of fear, through innate knowledge of death. Understanding of death, both as illusion and hard reality, that at birth we begin to die and at death we begin to live. Here is complete balance, centered awareness. Transcendent of space/time. To earthly knowledge has been added much of the knowledge beyond the veil and the ability to see beyond earthly duality while living in it. The ultimate optimist, appears very lucky to onlookers and is indeed charmed. There is much good humor in all things. Unmitigated joy, walking on air as here is the ability to see the positive lesson inherent in any duality with man's will. The fool in knowing that he knows, also knows what he does not know. His reaction is "Oh, but of course!" When opposites reveal themselves to be but two sides of the one - the same, whenever we discover the surprise in what was before so hard to see - there is a relief, a lightening of the spirit that comes with the enlightening of the mind.

Questions to Answer:

1. In what area of your life are you operating entirely on faith and trust?
2. Where are you going?
3. What are you feeling foolish about?
4. What would be fun to do if you could do anything you wanted?
5. What do you want to know?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Lifetime as witness to lessons already learned, to help others move more efficiently. Outwardly, you seem one of life's chosen, lucky in all you do. Actually, this is to leave you with energy for other's problems. You are sophisticated and wise, as well as a pleasure to be with and so people seek you out.

In the second position: Fortunate circumstances behind you. Natural ability to provide. Resourceful, material ease, good health - prowess.

In the third position: Hear ye! Hear ye! Listen to your soul. Yes, you can walk your talk. Make your moves now. Use the full force of your personality. Be yourself by letting your talents express themselves. Let up on yourself, be more carefree and ironically in so doing you will meet and accept true responsibility for your Karmic Contract.

In the fourth position: You are a free spirit, with a raw love for life and the freedom to live it as you please. You love everything virtually equally and to the maximum. Here is the kernel of the adventurous heart.

In the fifth position: Complete confidence, self - respect, optimism, resolution. Plans on - line and integrated in present affairs. Continuation of present course, only more so. Very much on track. Ideals mixed with healthy pragmatism. Implementing principles into worldly affairs.

In the sixth position: Integration of higher emotions and spiritual ideals into day to day affairs, relationships and creativity. May have actual teacher/guide at hand, learning first hand how to be in the clouds and on the ground at the same time. Balancing love of God, love of guru, love of self, love of others as different and necessary aspects of the same love.

In the seventh position: Time to balance prudence with daring. Feeling the pull to excellence by your higher mind, toward living fully in truth. Facing the demands of your karma more fully than ever before.

In the eighth position: You are well - positioned, living your principles, walking your talk. Well - mannered, pleasant, entertaining. Highly ethical, a role - model. Your spirituality is main - lined in your life, although you may not be conventionally religious at all. Your work may literally be spiritually oriented, helping teach others what you have already learned.

In the ninth position: Enjoyment of life situation. Love of self and others. Open to relationships. Creative juices flowing in support of Karmic Contract. The subconscious is an ally, not an enemy, of the conscious self.

In the tenth position: Listen and hear as you speak to yourself, urging your soul on its true course. Accept your tasks and your load will be light. Deny them and your burden will be heavy.

The Fool (R)

Your wonderful qualities have become blocked, distorted and channelled in the wrong direction. Is your disappointment based on your emotional attachment to your expectations, hopes or dreams? Have you failed to follow your own instincts, refusing to take a *"chance"* at a crucial moment - choosing to listen to the practical advise of others?

Explore all the aspects of life - use the energetic essence of who you are - be curious, ask questions and seek the answers within, then listen to your *"inner"* instruction and know without fear. Recognize that no action or attitude is right or wrong, except in its proper context. Always maintain your expectation of a result that would normally be impossible - even when everything *"seems"* negative - always expect the impossible! Seek and find within yourself the desire that most represents yourself and cultivate it at the expense of everything else.

You have but one unique path which is yours and yours alone to follow. When you feel good about something - when everything seems to work better - you KNOW you are doing what is right. Trust and release your fears now. Always ask yourself if you have made the right choice and accept that even you can be wrong. When you are discontented or lacking in motivation, review things. If something is causing you concern - have the courage to discuss it, then be strong and listen to your *"inner"* voice - do not listen to others at these times. Before you make your next move - ask yourself if you are happy with things so far?

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In the first position: Must strive to maintain interest and avoid a blase attitude. Learning to enjoy the efforts of others to learn what you already know, while avoiding patronizing them. Path may be difficult as you must work side by side with those having problems.

In the second position: Things may have gone too well, leaving you spoiled. Have you used your resources well enough, to full advantage? Physically, you may be capable of much more. Value more highly your roots.

In the third position: Too serious about the wrong things; not serious enough about the right things.

In the fourth position: Perhaps here is too much admiration for the free spirit. (You would say, "*How is that possible*?") But, maybe carefreeness is leading to extremes - problems with constancy, finding it hard to be serious about your emotions.

In the fifth position: Too much or too little confidence, check the facts. Overly optomistic or pessimistic. Impatience. Avoidance or complete escapism. A need to prioritize and simplify. Self-analysis, redirection for gaining self-esteem.

In the sixth position: Do not loose yourself in the clouds. Be prudent. Guard against pessimism in creative and personal relationships. Do not let the facility you have with creativity and relationships diminish their importance to you.

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In the eighth position: Off center from your ideal, feeling uncomfortable. Behavior may be anti - social, even rude. Take charge of yourself. You as Chairman of the Board need to pull rank and set some new ground rules for where you are going. Time for tough self - love.

In the ninth position: Too light-hearted or too heavy, for the present situation. Too light - you may be missing some of the deeper possibilities of the situation at hand. Too heavy - you may be forcing or projecting on situations more than is appropriate. Subconscious may be screaming for attention. What about your dreams now?

In the tenth position: Be more serious where you have been much too frivolous. Be much more light-hearted and light - minded where you have been much too serious.

Four of Cups

If you wish to experience emotional fulfillment - re-evaluate things. You have become bored - you are in need of motivation. You are not making any effort because you have become dissatisfied with your achievements and the things of this world. Allow things take their natural course - trust in God to create the necessary changes and allow this situation to be, so that it can regenerate. Rest and meditate and you can receive insights and messages from your unconscious.

You are seeking a spiritual level of satisfaction. You feel weary and disgusted with your present circumstances. Your intuition has been halted by your lack of focus or sense of purpose and this indulgence in your emotions has led you to dissatisfaction and exhaustion. Go slowly now in any emotional matters - your apathy has resulted from a dull, non-stimulated environment. You are bored only because your curiosity has not been piqued and your project has become meaningless to you.

Anger is great energy, use it productively. Use your frustration to help you move forward - convert your anger into progressive energy and use it to understand what you fear. Take this time to be with nature - observe its natural rhythms and you will be rejuvenated. Remain open to the new opportunities that life is offering you now - they will lead to happiness and satisfaction.

Centered, you are serene in the knowledge of your emotional blessings. An emotional/creative plateau that will serve as your foundation. Emotional stability and confidence. Healthy acceptance and love of *"self"*. Primary relationships are under control and supportive of your desires and needs. You know the love you need will always be there. You manage your talents well. Friendliness, faithfulness, loyalty and trustworthiness - trust and respect. Peace of heart.

Questions to Answer:

1. How do you feel dissatisfied?
2. Where do you go to find peace and serenity?
3. How is this time of withdrawal and contemplation benefiting you?
4. What are you re-evaluating in your life and relationships?
5. What are you fantasizing about and what can you do to realize your fantasies?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Wheel of Fortune**: A new interest will be presented now - you should become involved, it will eliminate your present dilemma.
- **Next to Hanged Man**: You are feeling sorry for yourself - get over it. No one likes miserable company - make some effort.
- **Next to Hermit**: You are enjoying spiritual refreshment - a gentle peace and satisfaction surround you.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your Karmic Contract is to establish and nourish a stable foundation for your relationships and creative enterprises.

In the second position: Your self-appreciation anchors you in the sea of material life, much as a buoy in a busy harbor. You always know who and where you are. The stability of your emotional life allows you all the energy and attention you need for physical/material affairs.

In the third position: Time for emotional confidence. Believe in the love that is yours for the having. Your foundation is in place if you will but center yourself upon it and use it. Trust in your own abilities as they are already developed, as well as their potential. Rest assured of the loyalty of those on whom you depend.

In the fourth position: You want emotional security, the backup of energy from successful relationships and proven talents. Does a white house with a white picket fence come to mind? You like being liked.

In the fifth position: You are taking charge of your personal affairs and talents, for you are confident now and plan to take advantage of the moment. Your emotional confidence is reinforcing and charging your confidence in mental affairs.

In the sixth position: The restless serenity of the Buddha under the Bodhi tree comes in your near future. Your emotional stability is a foundation and a foundation is to build upon. What do you do with this foundation once it is yours? How will it transform your relationships and your creative enterprise?

In the seventh position: As the restless serenity of the Buddha under the Bodhi tree symbolized a test for the heart, so does it as well for the mind. With peace of heart the mind can leap forward towards its goals without emotional distraction.

In the eighth position: The physical plane is infused with the positive energy of your emotional well-being, helping you seize your brass rings. There is mutual support/respect in your inner circle.

In the ninth position: Your heart is aware of your disarming effect on those nearest you, of the fact that people simply like you and love you. There is a healthy awareness that there is more for the having, for you and for your loved ones through you. Your heart feels the positive characteristics of this archetype of emotional security.

In the tenth position: Sit under a tree - root yourself to the ground and look to the sky. Stiffen your backbone and allow the sword of Gabriel to fill you with light even as you rest before raising your emotional house. Your emotional foundation, the gate of stability through which you must pass in order to mingle and mix safely and successfully with many more of your brethren is yours within this next year.

Four of Cups (R)

Results are happening, people are hearing you - allow yourself to *"feel"* when a new relationship is possible. Awaken to the world and all its possibilities - always expect that there will be a positive change and stop worrying. New opportunities will now be offered - new relationships and new ideas. Trust and believe that your ideas are good and have a little more patience. Believe in yourself and when it *"appears"* nothing is happening, always prepare your mind for an exciting turn of events. You will experience enthusiasm - seize this opportunity. You will experience the balance of feeling internally satisfied and fulfilled as well as external emotional fulfillment.

See what happens as a built-in opportunity to re-direct your angry energy. Recognize that you can be volatile and dangerous. Choose not to hurt others or tear down your creations in a moment of anger - use this energy to move forward toward your goals. Can be in the nature of a "chance of a lifetime" opportunity.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: While there are many distortions, there will be one that is dominant. Look for the characteristic in this reading that *"jumps"* out at you.

In the second position: Too much stability tends to turn you inward and at the extremes be dominated by fears of something happening to change it all. Too little stability drains you of energy and assets you need in the Physical/material plane, ranging from you own health to your business.

In the third position: Imbalance of the emotional/creative foundation. There could be a shake up in your inner circle of family/friends. The problem could well be within you however. Review the general meanings, letting the cards speak and amplify the central message.

In the fourth position: Your passion may be more toward the extremes of this card, in a desire for too much or too little emotional stability. We cannot succeed wanting to be totally captive or totally free. And we cannot be happy wanting more or less than the share our soul requires. The misplaced passions possible here are numerous, but a few of the most frequent ones are: dominance/control, submissiveness with a hoped for protector over you. The need to be liked too dominant or missed altogether.

In the fifth position: Your excess of emotional/creative control or the lack of it, may be causing parallel difficulties in your mental affairs. Lack of confidence here is at the root of all the possible culprits which include; jealousy/possessiveness, mental abuse and infidelity.

In the sixth position: Neither be too serene, nor too restless. This archetype is yours for the having in the near future if you can withstand the test of one or more of the distortions, the nest of the worms (jealousy, vanity, etc.) Remember, no one can stop you from loving yourself or from loving others.

In the seventh position: On the one hand, do not be lulled into mental complacency because your emotional house is so comfortable. On the other hand, if it isn't all that comfortable, do not use that as an excuse to falter in your mental obligations. Be neither submissive, nor dominant and yet be both.

In the eighth position: On the one hand, you may be missing an opportunity if you do not become more aware. On the other hand, you should not pretend to see an opportunity where there is none. The discipline here may have become physical abuse.

In the ninth position: Your subconscious may be distorting this archetype. A major purpose of this reading will be to bring these unhealthy extremes into the light. Be certain there is no emotional abuse.

In the tenth position: While for some this gate will cause but a small ripple in their personal relationships or their creative pursuits, for others the ripple will be more like a wave, for a few perhaps a tidal wave. But for all, the effects are beneficial.

Four of Pentacles

Power and vitality - the ability to empower oneself and others. The gift of drawing to you the resources you need, combined with the ability to apply your full power in practical and tangible ways. You are fond of being in charge - you like power and will work very hard for money. You possess sound judgment in business matters and have well-rounded goals. You consolidate your power so that you act with assurance, but you must feel secure in your sense of worth - for only then do you have a sense of humor about yourself.

In response to the troubles you have experienced, you have turned your focus to giving yourself a protective layer against any economic problems that might arise in the future - excluding others through your need for personal security and literally blocking yourself from the world around you. No matter how self-centered you try to make yourself - you will remain vulnerable to life. Accept that this selfishness is necessary now, for it is giving you time to re-structure and give meaning to the chaos and material universe you have experienced through meditation. Follow your enthusiasm, put your spirit into action - exercise and express your talents and dreams. The first step is always the hardest - seek within you the courage and strength to take it! Physical foundation and stability - reaping rewards for having become well centered physically/materially. This can be the completion of a significant physical phase, with the security of your accomplishments to back you up.

Questions to Answer:

1. What is keeping you centered?
2. What are your greatest strengths?
3. How are you powerful?
4. What gives you a sense of security?
5. What do you want to hold on to or possess?
6. Who or what do you need to protect?

Special Messages:

- **Wheel of Fortune and Seven of Pentacles**: Carry out your plans - success is all around you and you can benefit from this good cycle.
- **Three court cards and Tower in the spread**: Indicates a possibility of great loss - attend to your affairs and do not allow the influence of others at this time.
- **Next to Moon or High Priestess**: Investigate any proposition and do not sign anything until you are absolutely sure - there are undercurrents present in this situation.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The buck stops here, literally. You must deal with the pragmatic world, with responsibility for the provision of a solid physical and/or financial base. You are a strong link in the chain of civilization. You are an investor, a physical resource for others. The financial philosopher - the wise doctor.

In the second position: Your greatest physical resources are just that, your physical resources. You are most fortunate to have the health and/or the wealth you need to support your projects.

In the third position: Your physical/material foundation is secure and reliable. You are covered for your needs in the present and near future.

In the fourth position: Physical security and its offshoots (health, wealth, status, safety, independence...) are the roots from which you are growing your relationships and your creative trees.

In the fifth position: You are at work planning now on the affairs of your Physical Plane, on how to shore up, manage and improve your condition.

In the sixth position: Here is the impact of success and abundance on your Emotional Plane. Prepare for the effect on your relationships. Backing will be available for your creative projects. Review this card's general meanings, for this can be where your heart is headed.

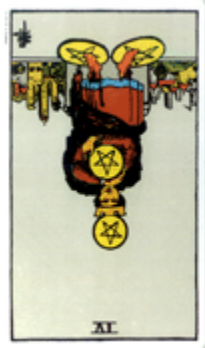
In the seventh position: Your mind will be focused on your physical/material foundation in the near future. This could be the time for investment, rethinking, taking stock.

In the eighth position: It should come as no surprise to you that you are doing pretty well. Let this card here serve as a major

focal point to reference, while interpreting all of the other positions.

In the ninth position: Most important to your heart at the moment is your stability in the Physical/Material Plane. The feeling is positive, not a worry. Accept openly that your situation, be it health or wealth, is at the top of your want list.

In the tenth position: Rest assured that your physical foundation will be healthy and secure by this time next year. How you achieve this may have some variations, but you are intended to know your situation will be solid. This spiritual insurance is intended to offer you peace of mind to contend with other matters in very much the same sense as a physical insurance policy does.



Four of Pentacles (R)

Emotional excess - you have acted without giving yourself time to think. The energy has been released - allow yourself to experience the generosity and freedom as you begin to give your life some structure. Grasping material possessions to tightly only closes you off from personal development. Honor your inner and outer limits now. Once you have become completely centered and stable within yourself, having found the security *"within",* you will no longer need to hold onto anything in the material world. You will recognize that when you are confronted with loss or obstacles, you need only establish new plans and have them ready. Opposition can delay future plans, so when a situation is unstable - put a halt to unnecessary spending.

Contentment of the moment may lead to an important oversight. Greed and other forms of physical insecurity not justified by circumstances. Miserliness out of fear that you will not have enough for yourself. Refusal to use your money or resources - hanging on to them will eventually lead to ruin, just as a body not used atrophies. Acquisitions in order to impress rather than for true personal appreciation. An undesirable turn on the physical path. Abuse of physical power and position - physical abuse.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: It could fall to you to deal with the more uncivilized aspects of human occupation of planet Earth or to bring mankind to substantially greater heights with giant steps forward. Physical demands on you may be great as many will call on you.

In the second position: You may have so much more than you need in resources that it becomes a problem of its own. However, the interpretation for the opposite extreme is that you do not have the physical/material resources you need for the project at hand.

In the third position: Use your financial resources positively. On one extreme, do not try to keep everything for yourself; on the other extreme, do not think you have to invest in everything and everybody. A change in or information about, the condition of your physical foundation. Whether it is financial or health or another of the possibilities presented above in the general interpretations, will be clear when viewed with all of the other cards in the reading, particularly the other cards in the positions of the present and near future positions.

In the fourth position: A passion for power and control. At one extreme, you may find yourself uncomfortable with anyone other than people of means and with physical situations that take place in anything short of luxury. Or, an offshoot of the same extreme, comfortable only with healthy people. Your passion in this case will be toward the opposite, toward the less affluent or even the destitute. Here also is a passion for the unhealthy - a love of weakness.

In the fifth position: Concerned with one or more of the aspects of your physical/material welfare. Either something has happened already that you wish to correct or you are making contingency plans because you are worried something might happen.

In the sixth position: Be wary that you do not let distortions or problems with the Physical Plane adversely affect your relationships/creativity. If your physical/material well-being has been at the center of your desires, you may find this changing in the near future. Expected financial backing may not materialize.

In the seventh position: You may be diverted from questions about your health, finances and such. You may decide that your physical affairs are not as they should be and plan to make major changes. They could prove to be far better or far worse than you thought.

In the eighth position: Conversely, this suggests that you are doing either outrageously well or that there have been some difficulties.

In the ninth position: Perhaps there have been dreams or daydreams raising some difficulties in your physical/material plane. This feeling you have may only be in your subconscious now. This reading is to help bring it up into the light of day. There could be emotional abuse through physical means.

In the tenth position: Neither squander your resources unnecessarily, nor refuse to invest in what is prudent.

Four of Swords

The negotiating mind - the meditating mind which is flexible, committed to staying in balance and non - positional. Maintain balance on all four levels - mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically. Move through these conflicting issues and resolve them. Stabilize yourself - rest and take this time to think of new plans. Your dreams will come true but you must wait. Things are changing - prepare your mind and make your plans. Give yourself time - this situation is getting better. There is no hurry now - consider this a convalescent period, a time to renew both your physical and mental energies and establish your thoughts.

Be willing now to face the issues, pay attention and tell the truth. Do not be concerned with the outcome, for it will be as it was meant to be. Establish your own sense of order and harmony. Build a solid foundation upon which you can expand. Withdrawal can lead to healing - allowing you to recoup your strength by holding back from the fight until there is a better chance to win and giving yourself time to recover from deep hurt and wounding. However, withdrawal - even for the purpose of recovery - can shut a person off from the world, creating a kind of spell that only an outside energy can break. Has your confident mask grown too heavy? Have you responded to your difficulties by isolating yourself - preferring to hide from the world rather than show your other side or try to work with people, flattening your emotional reactions and trying to hide them deep inside yourself?

A well-centered mentality - mental stability, reliability. A centering of thoughts before going on - mental foundation. An introspective turn of the mind, but not in the sense of the Hermit. A break in the "*affairs of the day*" so that you may soon return refreshed and ready to "*do battle*" again. Here is the completion of mental projects - graduations/certifications. A strong sense of your identity and self-worth. Planning, fundamental understanding - rationality, practicality, facts, objectivity, order - a need for cleanliness, discipline, obedience, law, control, self - confidence and patience.

Questions to Answer:

1. From what do you need to rest or retreat?
2. Where do you need to focus your energies in order to recuperate your strength?
3. What can you do to gain a better perspective and be fair and just in this situation?
4. What kind of professional assistance would help most?

Special Messages:

- **Next to any Ace**: Re-evaluate your long-term plans - check everything carefully before going ahead with any new ventures or your current situation.
- **Three or more Court cards in the spread**: Unless you "feel" absolutely sure, do not proceed with any new ventures - you are still experiencing difficulties in a certain relationship.
- **Next to Judgment**: Understand this lesson, so that you can avoid any similar involvements - learn from the pressure you have experienced.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is a lifetime dedicated to the establishment of mental order, the necessary stability and foundation for serious intellectual work. A very strong, healthy sense of self characterizes this path. Fields requiring law, order, discipline, objectivity are favored.

In the second position: The ability to find what you want on the moments notice, to mobilize people and material quickly when necessary. Here is the ideal community leader during the crisis of a natural disaster. You never give up no matter how tired or how hopeless a situation may look.

In the third position: Be confident. You have done your homework and are mentally well prepared. Be composed, meditate and continue to establish greater order, discipline and accuracy.

In the fourth position: Your passion is to be in control of your emotions and to be cool and steadfast under fire. One who can package and present the emotions.

In the fifth position: You are confident, calm knowing you are ready. You are composed, well-centered in your thoughts. Your approach is valid.

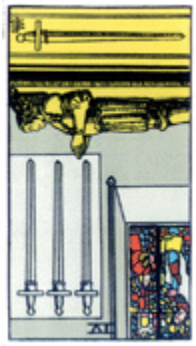
In the sixth position: As you center in your mental affairs, your self-assured calm, may stir some waters. For, as you center you actually present a different facade to onlookers. This could be disconcerting to your mate or to some of your inner circle. What happens as a desire for order and control hits the Emotional Plane?

In the seventh position: You are being pulled toward the mental plateau that will serve as your foundation for the rest of your life. The most obvious symbol of this is a graduation. Go willingly, if not enthusiastically.

In the eighth position: The mind is very much in charge and to your advantage. This could be a time of physical rest, a retreat to take stock. You are in a waiting mode, a period for patience.

In the ninth position: In your gut, your subconscious, you feel on top of things or at least that you have your Emotional Plane and creative energy under control. To have this card here suggests that your conscious mind may not have this same opinion or that you may not be as organized in you Mental Plane. In other words, to outward appearances you may look scattered, but actually be quite together underneath.

In the tenth position: You will be assured, beyond a shadow of a doubt that your mind is serving you well, that you are centered and working toward the right goals. You will be empowered to act decisively and to great effect with all the authority you need to accomplish your goals.



Four of Swords (R)

Stress can effect you now - the weight of your responsibilities may be too heavy. Seek advise from your higher self - pull back into solitude and consider the details of your situation calmly. Put your thoughts in order and determine your priorities - suspend action on all issues but *"one"*, ask your unconscious to work on this one issue and then sleep on it. Centering and meditation practices can help you create the objectivity required to see all sides of an issue and from this experience something useful and powerful will emerge. You will soon be back into action again - there will be good opportunities ahead. Always take the time to think things out carefully before you commit yourself to anything.

When you find yourself experiencing opposition or find that it is difficult to get things moving - recognize that it is an indication that there is still "*unrest*." Make no promises at these times, the situation can rapidly change. Allow yourself to return to life and activity now - emerge from your shell - other people may assist as they perceive and break through the protective walls you have built to protect yourself.

There may be difficulty in this centering process, such as not being able to discern just where your progress to date has brought you or simply indulging in too much introspection/ thinking. Desiring too much mental abundance, mental greed. Do not try to over protect your mind or your ideas for they will wither and disappear as though they never existed. Misuse of order, discipline, authority, control, cleanliness.

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4. What kind of professional assistance would help most?

Special Messages:

- **Next to any Ace**: Re-evaluate your long-term plans - check everything carefully before going ahead with new ventures or your current situation.
- **Three or more Court cards in the spread**: Do not proceed with any new ventures unless you feel absolutely sure - you are still experiencing difficulties in a certain relationship.
- **Next to Judgment**: Take the time to understand this lesson, so that you can avoid any similar involvements - learn from the pressure you are experiencing.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: It could fall to you to deal with the more severe distortions of this archetype, with disorder, lack of discipline, criminality for example.

In the second position: In one extreme, not knowing when to quit can lessen your future potential. In the other extreme, you can work mentally toward realizing that you have more physical endurance than you think.

In the third position: There is an imbalance in this archetype for mental stability and foundation which the cards in the next three positions will help define. There may be a potential difficulty with the law. Or, simply that you are not yet prepared. Or, you are misunderstanding, misusing the principles of order and discipline.

In the fourth position: There may be a tendency to hold on too much; or you may tend to let too much out. The passion for control and discipline can be distorted in numerous ways. Sexually, it can show up in sadomasochistic preferences, with you continually looking for someone to dominate or who easily dominates you.

In the fifth position: On one extreme, you are not calm because you know you are not ready. On the other extreme, you are much too calm under the mistaken idea that you are more than ready.

In the sixth position: Here is the effect of too much or too little order from your mental house.

In the seventh position: Begin now to keep your eye on a valid goal and be certain you do not use inappropriate means to reach those ends.

In the eighth position: Your mind is too much in charge or too little. If too much, there may be serious abuse of control, at the extreme causing physical damage to property or harm to others. There may be an inappropriate slacking off under the guise of

rest and retrenchment. You are contemplating your navel.

In the ninth position: Your gut, subconscious says you are not as on top of things as you might think.

In the tenth position: One or more of the imbalances of this archetype will fall away as if by magic.

Four of Wands

Completion - a new beginning. You have done well, perfected your work and you will know harmony, satisfaction and peace. Make plans to enjoy the results of your hard work. If you have been enjoying romance - you could be laying the foundations for marriage - it will be a satisfying union. Your mind is active, creative and superior now - past activities will begin to peak, rewards will be received for your past efforts and prosperity will reign.

Rise above your present situation and you will feel a sense of completion, the welcomed renewal that comes when opposing energies finally harmonize. Treat these moments as a cleansing time - celebrate and generously share the fruits of your labor - show appreciation to those who supported you. Free yourself from whatever it is that is keeping you from being all that you can be. Allow your higher spirit to help you as you aspire to help others. Celebrate life at every turn - allow yourself to enjoy the rewards you receive as you move through each developmental stage of your life and accept the responsibility of the new levels. You will now experience a domestic environment filled with Spirit, optimism, eagerness and celebration as you are swept along by joy - moving from a defensive situation to one that is open and honest. Your optimism and love of freedom carry you now - together with others - out of your walled city and into the light.

You are an initiate enjoying the comfort of being spiritually centered on your path, secure in the knowledge of accomplishments satisfying the Karmic Contract. Spiritual foundation for future work in this incarnation. Your course has been established and proven -feedback is excellent. Your position feels strong and correct. Strong value system in place. There is justifiable celebration. Here are religious and spiritual holidays, fellowship - thanksgiving for what you have received and will receive. Practicing your faith. Utilizing, integrating ritual into daily life. The time for counting your blessings. Profound honesty in all relationships. The balance and harmony indicated, suggests that the lower levels - Mental, Emotional and Physical are balanced as well. Spiritual self-confidence, dedication, order, control, discipline, confirmation - a theology.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you bringing to completion?
2. What role is “ritual” or ceremony playing in your life?
3. What have you integrated into your life?
4. What Rite of Passage are you experiencing and how are you celebrating it?
5. What are you celebrating?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Hermit**: You are creative when alone and have the ability of great self-expression.
- **Next to Magician**: Exciting goals, ideas and original projects are developing.
- **Next to World**: Possible involvement in large scale operation - powerful vibrations.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your life is to be a celebration, an observation of perennial wisdom. There is a lightness to you even at your most serious moments of which there are many. For you are a most serious person, tenaciously efficient, yet so obviously effective to everyone’s benefit as to draw no criticism. Quite the contrary, you are sought out for that quality and for your natural ability to teach by example.

In the second position: Within your spiritual home, there lies your main asset and your base of operations. Whether you need extra muscle or money, you know you can count on the material resources that come with your spiritual path.

In the third position: The spiritual home you have been preparing is ready. This is a foundation you can rely on for the rest of your life. It represents a body of lessons opening a major gate on your path. The garden in which you now stand will grow and prosper forever, for it is an outer courtyard to the garden of Eden. Celebration is in the air.

In the fourth position: Your passion is for faith itself. The excitement of interacting with the rituals and observations energizes you. And yet, it is the underlying security and stability of the state of believing that means the most.

In the fifth position: You know that you are well positioned and confident now that everything seems to add up. Everything seems right. A celebration of special ceremony is being considered.

In the sixth position: You will be integrating more and more your Spiritual and Emotional Planes as you try to include others into the joy of what you have discovered. You will be creative in how you express, how you witness your faith, initiating new practices while honoring old.

In the seventh position: Armed with our spiritual diploma and backed by the foundation of our fellowship, we can be dangerous to ourselves and our brethren. Enjoy your moment of exhilaration at what you know you have achieved but also know that the path is much longer.

In the eighth position: You are doing the right work/activities in your Physical/material Plane. It's quite possible that this work and activity is taking on more and more of an overt spiritual nature. A ceremony or its equivalent occupies the stage now or in the near future. There is hard evidence, a witnessing of the progress that has been made on the path. These are timely observations of the cycles of life. Thanksgiving and/or invocation are in progress.

In the ninth position: Relationships and creative projects are in fundamental agreement and in support of your spiritual path. This is a time of great joy as your heart celebrates your coming of spiritual age. In formal religions this is the age of confirmation, usually coinciding with the onset of puberty, the coming alive of your sexuality. Here is celebration of your coming alive spiritually.

In the tenth position: Confirmation awaits you, within this next year. There will be many signs to inform and assure you as the myriad pieces you have assembled fall into place. Once imprinted with this picture, your spiritual foundation is secure. From here on life will be both easier and more difficult. Easier, because you will be with understanding and learn your lessons at the higher levels where there is little or no pain and negativity. More difficult, because you will be a brighter light drawing more responsibility since you are equipped to handle it.

Four of Wands (R)

Try not to be so impatient and narrow-minded. If you wish your aspirations to become attainments, they need to be accompanied by will-power and a concentrated focus on your goals. Be thankful for your blessings - you will always see positive improvement, even from a negative situation if you will just keep trying. If you care - be willing to show it and be thankful for what you have. Take your mind off the so-called *"big"* things and learn to appreciate the things that really matter. Joy is so powerful it can not be blocked - but stress and problems can *"cloud"* it so that it is not so obvious. This creates a need to learn to appreciate what you have. Happiness in your environment can be strong, while still considered unorthodox in terms of other people's attitudes and expectations.

A lack of pause - of respect and of understanding in correct measure for your status/progress, for you are too caught up in the physical, emotional, mental aspects of the moment. Not properly observing, celebrating, giving thanks. An inadequate performance, according to the responsibilities of your spiritual position. Inadequate/improper use of spiritual position and/or knowledge.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: As people profit by being near you, it may be difficult to guard the time you need for yourself. Ritual and observation may become forces to be reckoned with.

In the second position: Material resources come with this spiritual path. Neither become overly dependent on these resources in your spiritual community, nor be remiss in not taking advantage of them when you need them.

In the third position: Do not be negligent in your observations. Your spiritual meditations and rituals are very important - especially at this time. Do not overfill your life with unnecessary or empty formalities.

In the fourth position: You may be drawn to the abstract trappings of faith more than to the underlying truths and the demands they make on your soul. Ritual, spiritual practice can easily deteriorate into self - serving, empty operations. They are not ends in themselves.

In the fifth position: You know that something just doesn't quite fit with everything else. Or, the fact that everything appears to be perfect is what troubles you. You may be questioning your alignment with others in spiritual matters. One possible dilemma: Have you joined the right group? Is it you or the group?

In the sixth position: How do your practices affect your relationships and vice versa. Spiritual integrity can create enormous pressures on families and groups. Practices must not be imposed on those not ready or willing.

In the seventh position: There may well be growing pains within you or within your fellowship. Guard against the pitfalls of spiritual vanity. Neither be complacent with your spiritual status, turning your back on further growth while presuming you hold the truth everyone else should observe, nor rush too quickly ahead of your foundation into new and unchartered waters without your spiritual lifetime.

In the eighth position: There may be too much or too little celebration, observation, ritual. You may be trying to convert unnecessarily your entire Physical Plane into the spiritual, even to make your living on line in spiritual endeavors. Remember that everything contains the spiritual.

In the ninth position: The heart is confused, for it is not rejoicing when in fact it should be.

In the tenth position: Grace will intervene to help center this archetype.

The Hanged Man

After the crisis of seeing what you have made of your life comes the peace of acceptance. Love alone can effect the transformation to *"obedience"* through which your will is able to *"perceive"* the revelations from above which inspire, direct and strengthen you. Your choice to obey renders your will capable of receiving the divine call from above - the gift of faith - the union of your will to Gods will, leaving behind the powers of thought and imagination.

Authentic faith produces absolute certainty as you pierce the barriers of your limited consciousness and avail yourself to the higher wisdom. Allow yourself now to experience the power of *"stillness"* and you will be blessed with truth. Look above your present situation - prepare your mind for new and innovative ideas - a complete and unexpected change at home and at work. Trust and have faith that there are unexpected views, attitudes or decisions on the horizon.

Your heart is the center of LOVE - it abolishes distance and has the power to make all things present. God is present in a heart that is glowing with love, for this heart perceives His spiritual warmth and learns not to reject anything...for authentic faith renders everything truly useful - it gives value, meaning and purpose to everything. Do the opposite of what your *"ego"* ordinarily expects and you will achieve victory. Release your self-aspirations, be patient, accept yourself - understand your limitations and success will soon follow. Look at what you have hidden - turn your shadows into light and you will control the forces which control your life.

It is the process of your *"ego"* or *"waking"* mind to first think - it must first imagine, feel and desire before it will finally choose to *"act"*. Your Higher Self *"acts"* first - then it desires to KNOW, then it feels the worth of its action and lastly it understands - for its FAITH is the firm assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Your *"will"* KNOWS while your mind and imagination "*have not yet seen or understood*".

You will now experience the reversal of attitude and experience that comes through spiritual awakening as you are taken out of the ordinary consciousness - that of reason, memory and sensual perception. You will learn to *"act"* before your thought and imagination have understood what your action implies. While everyone else is frenzied - you will know peace. While other people *"believe"* themselves to be free, yet are pushed from one thing to another by forces which they do not understand - you will achieve true freedom by understanding and embracing those forces. You KNOW that you must seek solitude wherever you find tension - for in solitude you live, develop spiritual temperament, breath spiritual air, quench your spiritual thirst and satisfy your spiritual hunger. In solitude - you are in control, poised on an *"inner"* level, centered in peace and through chaos you maintain serenity by reversing the usual way of living and finding contentment. Pause now, be willing to listen and observe things as they really are - not as they *"appear"* to be on the surface. Suspend your decision-making and remain passive now - use your sympathy, tact and maintain tolerance by centering yourself within.

You still fear that there will be risk and sacrifice in your decision to abandon your worldly values and plunge into the depths of *"Self"* to seek the inner reality needed to become whole - but from this sacrifice, from your willingness to put aside the world for a while and experiment with the *"inner"* experience will come enlightenment and renewal. Accept your fate and you will be re - born.

When you try to evaluate any situation based solely on your limited, conflicting beliefs - you will always feel powerless. LOVE does not demand any sacrifice. Sacrifice is nothing more than your own passive surrender to fear and despair. As you try to hold two conflicting ideas simultaneously and equally in your mind - you actually stalemate yourself. *"FEEL"* the spiritual power within you - allow yourself to surrender to it. Experience it, *"feel"* the great power and excitement which exists in the midst of complete calm. Withdraw to your *"inner"* awareness and allow yourself to BE who you are - even if everyone thinks you have everything backwards - allow yourself to experience the calming peace. Be willing now to make your mind a clear, reflective vessel. Suspend your judgments and your expectations so that you might receive higher knowledge.

Emotional development, you swing from passionate to compassionate, from inner to outer, from self to others. Opening of the heart chakra allowing others easier access. Life becomes more public as you externalize and extend yourself into your environment. Major emotional change - literally turned upside down as the spiritual descends to your emotional level. Voluntary self-sacrifice to a greater good without sacrificing the self. As the self gives, it gets larger. As the heart gives, it grows. An ability and willingness to accept suffering. The open heart is a trusting heart. A change of heart - the heart working vertically to balance the mind and body.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you expect from the sacrifices you are making?

2. What are you devoted to? How are you hung up?
3. What do you need to get straight?
4. What do you need to give up?
5. What are you trying to escape?
6. How are you seeking higher knowledge?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: People, relationships, expression are central in this lifetime. Creative juices must flow - an open heart must prevail.

In the second position: Your network of supporters and fellow team players is strategic in your Physical/material Plane. Social life figures prominently in your family, business, and your leisure activities. It may be difficult to draw the line where the social ends and the rest begins.

In the third position: This is an infusion, even a bombardment with the force of God's love in answer to your devotion. Preparation for a kundalini experience, or the opening of the heart chakra.

In the fourth position: Yours is a love of people and the give and take that social interaction affords. The more activity, the more people, the better. But, you are serious and sincere. This can also be complete openness and dedication to an innate talent that will be the centerpiece to your life. Here again though...it will take you outward and upward on an extroverted course.

In the fifth position: You are intellectually involved with devotional disciplines, such as Bhakti or Tantra Yoga, or other path work using the heart as guide. Here the mind is yielding to the influence of heart wisdom, the intelligence also of the solar plexus. This is a poetic state of mind.

In the sixth position: The heart will be opening further in the near future and you will have many emotional balls in the air at the same time. This is a chance for a breakthrough in relationships or in a creative project. A great deal of energy will be available for your use.

In the seventh position: Here you will have to integrate input from your higher emotions into your mental package. This may be in the form of a creative burst or the impact of others - guides, teachers, loved ones. The smaller ego self is becoming the larger transformed Self.

In the eighth position: New dimensions are opening on the Physical Plane. There is an increase in opportunity in material matters. There is a deeper appreciation of the arts, of the emotional side of life, of that illusive yet ever available thing called beauty.

In the ninth position: Here is the Hanged Man at its strongest as it sits in its home position. This is the opening of the heart chakra and any or all of the above general meanings may apply. Complete trust - complete sacrifice. Little if anything is held back, and yet as you offer your blood you are strengthened with every drop taken. A positive, correct change of heart. A reversal or clearing of a prejudice.

In the tenth position: You are now strong enough, having teamed well the efficiency of give and take. You are ready for the major shift from the predominance of taking, required on the first part of your journey, to a predominance of giving required on the second half. Many more of your vehicles are being opened by grace to participate in path work on a much larger scale than ever before.

The Hanged Man (R)

Look at the beliefs that are causing you stress and hanging you up. To get rid of a limiting belief - create a new, opposing picture in your mind - affirm that the belief is not a reality, then generate the opposite emotion. This opposing picture will differ from the picture your physical senses are reporting to you and it is precisely in this area that change is required.

Your inability to get free of social pressures is caused when you do what other people expect or demand of you, rather than listening to your *"inner"* Self. Your awareness of life becomes secondary and never a direct experience. When you fear change and fight your *"inner"* self by accepting your environment and circumstances - you become preoccupied with material matters and refuse to accept that there is more to life than the practical, rational world. Suspend your judgments, even your expectations if you hope to receive higher knowledge - be willing now to make your mind a clear, reflective vessel.

Accept your reality - you can not deny who you are - your own *"ego"* has created these *"false"* securities. Surrendering to your reality opens the doorway to a new and *"better"* reality. Trust your abilities, build your plans and accept that outward appearances do not always present a true picture. Seek the *"inner"* light - the stability that will never change. Use your intuition and you will be able to perceive directly what is going on. You will understand that everything is working for you. You need nothing at all to complete who you are - you are always free to love and experience love, because you no longer need to cling to people or be jealous of them - you now realize that you are complete *"with"* or without them.

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3. How are you hung up?
4. What do you need to get straight?
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7. How are you seeking higher knowledge?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: An open heart must prevail. Such openness is not without its risks, but for you and this path, closure is much more dangerous.

In the second position: There may be little contingency should your network fail. Ask what you alone could achieve if the need arose.

In the third position: You may be bombarded with social opportunities as the walls of your box come crashing down.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, you are the party animal who cannot sit still for a minute. There is very, little that you prefer to do alone. You may marry many times. At the other extreme, here is the true loner, perhaps shy and introverted, but not necessarily. But, the preference is for your own rather than another's company. If you marry at all it will hopefully be to a very understanding and self - sufficient person.

In the fifth position: With input from your heart, your gut reaction, you may be reversing your opinion on a subject.

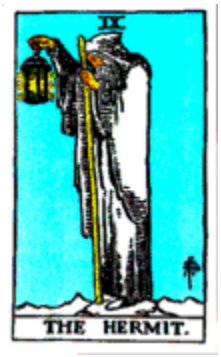
In the sixth position: A time out may be the order of the day soon.

In the seventh position: You must override your fear of openness and contact with people. It is stopping you from reaching your mental goals.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, there may be too much going one, confusing matters as most of it has nothing to do with you. At the other extreme, there is too much closure and not enough is going on. Decrease or increase contact until things even out.

In the ninth position: A change of heart that needs more attention. Hesitation in an aspect of opening that is slowing your progress. Closing of the heart chakra.

In the tenth position: At first, this process may feel like it is only benefiting others - be patient, this process benefits many others, but it is indeed for you.



The Hermit

You withdrew from the outer world for the purpose of activating your unconscious mind and awakening your *"inner"* Self. Ask and it will be given - seek and you will find - knock at the door and it will be opened to you. Guidance and help are always available - a teacher, a therapist, your own dreams or a spiritual guide evoked from within yourself will show you how to begin the process and help you find your way. The ultimate responsibility is yours - seek *"inner"* counsel about the future. Seek answers to your questions. You can solve the situation by experimenting - just take it easy and use discretion until you are completely sure.

The hermit may withdraw from society to shut out distractions in order to complete spiritual and temporal work - but, he never withdraws from humanity. He continues to give shelter and blessings to travellers, he gives wisdom to the knight on his spiritual quest and he is an example - the guide, always assisting others in transforming their lives. He is someone you trust without reserve, someone you love without limit - he reduces the energy around himself to silence, understanding the higher sphere of spiritual harmony - choosing to create light, silence and certainty. Belief is a feeling of certainty, confidence is the absence of *"doubt"* and hope is optimism - combined they represent the union of thinking, feeling and desire with God and miracles are the fruit of this union.

It is essential to your self-sufficiency to perceive where you are in life and to make critical life-direction decisions by yourself. You have made the climb, made your way from opinion to opinion, from belief to belief, from experience to experience and you travel the balanced road of peace. You have come to know the "*feeling for truth*" and in your heart - action and contemplation are united. Knowledge has become will and will has become knowledge. Use your work as a spiritual path to achieve your higher destiny. Share your wisdom with those who follow - teach them to discard the useless, unnecessary elements on their path, so that they will achieve mastery of *"self"*, representing completion and clarity.

To be yourself derives from choice - examining all thought and feeling, then using the light of your conscious mind and the power of your emotions to concentrate your focus on the results you want. You use your active imagination to move concepts in and out of your mind and project the images in the direction you desire. Your imagination bridges the gaps. Instinctive knowledge and self-realization come from riding your emotions, which lead you to further creative psychological activity. You learn who you are through your creations. If you wish to move forward - arrange your life in a way that will allow you to approach any study in a special way, for only then will you experience ecstasy. Take your time and do your work right with correct planning, properly sowing, constant nurturing and timely harvesting.

Confront and pass through the darkness and mystery that is being presented and enter into the light. A guide will appear at the start of your journey, after you have found the strength to begin. Your mind is rich with symbols, with joy, with the light and love of the spirit. Before you can comprehend these things you must first experience *"silence"*. Seek out the spirit guide who will teach you to heal and help you in your self-discoveries. Look carefully at the people around you and through your techniques of meditation, psychic discipline and analysis - the hidden parts of the psyche will be allowed to speak to you as you open yourself to your *"inner"* awareness - transferring your thoughts and attention from "*getting and spending*" to your *"inner"* needs. To achieve this requires emotional withdrawal from the people and *"activities"* which you consider "*all important*". When you are involved in helping others find understanding - focus your thoughts on your role as a guide and teacher.

Withdrawal in order to get a wider and more objective perspective. The mind's ability to create duality and acceptance of the responsibility to resolve it. An *"eye"* for an "I," the ability of self to see self, which is impossible without the background of other. Proper memories of the Past balanced with proper projections for the Future. The ability to see inward as well as outward and in equal portions. Formulation of personal philosophy and goals. An important mental pause, a plateau after a significant period of development (assimilating others' views), before going on. Wisdom gained through solitude and silence - the sage in mental seclusion. The gifts of patience and prudence. The impact of instincts on mental processes abates and the impact of intuition increases. Where you have leaned heavily on the situations surrounding your birth package and the conditions of your environment - you now take charge and consciously begin to affect and effect your own future. Your sense of time and purpose is strong as you seek to know and implement the purpose of this incarnation. You begin to realize the contents of your Karmic Contract and to plan and act accordingly. Foundation of the healthy Ego and formulation of beliefs.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you doing with the time you have to yourself?
2. What are you looking for or what do you need to know?
3. Who can help you find out?

4. What concerns about time do you have?
5. What do you need to keep silent about?
6. What would be the prudent thing to do?
7. What do you need to complete?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Here is the philosophical detective. Father Time himself, with his hour glass to check on the rhythm of things. You may well be an ascetic, if such is the severity of your search for the truth. You may also be in the mainstream, as a principled teacher or objective researcher.

In the second position: Your material environment has been personalized to a tee and fits you like a glove. When you shift, so does your entire environment, so natural an extension of you is it. This also means that you are lean and mean, having nothing that you do not require to support your beliefs. Thus, in a very pragmatic sense, efficiency is your great resource and the physical foundation on which you build.

In the third position: The arrival of a guide or teacher. Be prepared to meet yourself - for this can be one of your past lives. In effect, you coming to guide yourself with this matter at hand. Whatever the personification of the source of this message, this brings you closer to the belief system that is specifically correct to carry you forward on your path. This is the dialect of the philosophical language of truth which will best suit you.

In the fourth position: Here was born a love of knowledge and an appetite for the search. The dominate passion is intellectual, fostering a love of books, computers and the like.

In the fifth position: You have come to the realization of your position, of what you have to teach. You accept that you are in the vanguard of the school of thought to which you subscribe. You are mentally in business for yourself, actively pursuing your own course. A declaration of independence. You may think of yourself as a scribe.

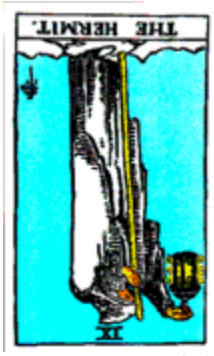
In the sixth position: The heart agrees with mind and you see the effect on relationships, on sex, on your creative projects. The heart may even be putting pressure on the Emotional Plane and its contents to conform to beliefs.

In the seventh position: Your belief system comes together in a stronger way than ever before. Now you can draw up your master plan in ink. If they have solidified before now, here are the trials of sustaining, amplifying, expounding your theories and seeing if they stand the test of time and life.

In the eighth position: Your ideology is changing your life fundamentally as it comes to the forefront. You may or may not be seeking actual isolation - but you are going through changes in things like diet, exercise, routine and clothes. In short, much of your taste is being transformed by your beliefs. You are beginning to walk your talk - becoming a living witness to your truth. You may even begin to make your living directly from your beliefs.

In the ninth position: Your heart is surrendering to the assigned task, the responsibility that has come with the knowledge. You have been efficient learning your lessons and now - as a reward, you have an expanded role. This corresponds to the sense of a walk-in with whom we share/trade tasks as with members of our group, in some cases devoting ourselves to self purpose from past lives. The heart here is dedicating itself to helping fulfill the beliefs.

In the tenth position: Getting "*The Hermit*" at the spiritual level is suitably paradoxical, for it means that no seclusion of any kind is needed - no physical dropping out and wandering naked in the wilderness - no emotional hiding from loved ones by changing our names and moving to Alaska and no retreat into a mental fog impenetrable even at a busy faculty tea. Why? Because all of the lessons that are learned by such physical, emotional and mental seclusion are being handed to you by grace.



The Hermit (R)

You are creating too much resistance, refusing to accept or listen to good counsel and this is creating the tension you are experiencing within yourself. Do not allow your *"ego"* to get between you and your good, common sense. Swallow your pride, stop your activities and take the time to think things over. Make your plans carefully before moving forward - be receptive to the times when you see that there is a lack of communication. Recognize that you may be consciously trying to cut yourself off from others - trying to tell yourself that no one seems to care. You are only avoiding the responsibilities of doing something with your life when you hang on to meaningless activities or try to imitate enthusiasm. Change your attitude and things will begin to look better. You can not soar like the eagle you are, when you are bound up in a cage. Become involved in life again. It is not your outer circumstances that must change, but the way you look at them that makes the difference. Man is anything but a desert unless in the process of separating in order to find himself he gets lost - he must then depend on the light of another, ultimately in grace, to bring him back.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Whether or not you are a priest - you will serve communion to your fellow citizen.

In the second position: Should you need to do something very out of the ordinary, you may have trouble getting the resources you need.

In the third position: Truth is to be presented in a package that is highly palatable - do not miss it, for it has been cooked especially for you. Be patient - this is a group to which you want to listen and participate with. It will become more concrete with time; that is why you are to be involved.

In the fourth position: If acted on too early, the passion for formal religion may prove to be less than long lasting. At another extreme the passion may be a hatred for a given belief system.

In the fifth position: Do not waste your time or the horses' in trying to get them lined up precisely before you think you can act. Life is an organic process.

In the sixth position: Ask yourself whether your belief system is opening your heart or closing it.

In the seventh position: Do not ask questions if you have none or forget to ask them when you have one.

In the eighth position: You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink - as it should be.

In the ninth position: Your heart will help you balance between belief and non-belief, between faith and doubt, between yourself and your group.

In the tenth position: Much of what you receive will be for others.

The Hierophant

Life is your teacher. Every experience is a lesson - a learning opportunity for growth and the solid understanding that conflicts are openings for new life to take seed. When you begin to feel oppressed by the *"shoulds"* and *"oughts"* of life - listen to your *"inner"* teacher. Once all the facts have been gathered by your conscious mind, they are fed into your subconscious, which sorts, assimilates and sends back a flash of intuition - the correct analysis. A simple good wish made for another puts divine power into action. As your prayers rise towards God, they are transformed into benedictions which descend from above. The search for *"truth"* is a prayer which is followed by illumination, consolation or grace and it always results in harmonious spiritual respiration.

The triple cross represents complete and perfect spiritual respiration - horizontal and vertical. Horizontal respiration - love of Nature, love of ones neighbors, the love of God and the beings of the spiritual hierarchies is united with the triple love of God - faith, hope and love which gives *"meaning"* to your beliefs. From this reflection arise new interests, versatility, decisions, change, excitement, adaptability and freedom as you perceive the freedom to obey or disobey your beliefs - monitored by your own conscience and forming strong ideas about your own existence. *"True"* learning comes from questioning your *"core"* beliefs - look deeply into the teachings and traditions which have formed your direction in life and begin the work of your Self development.

Use your human situation in order to transcend your unevolved aspects. Through intuition you become united with the Universe - you learn to hold the two opposing forces of life in balance - having recognized that you can not resolve them. You "*play the game*" by understanding the rules and manners of the existing hierarchy and seeking out authorities in your field - making new allies by listening to your conscience. Share this wisdom with others - you are a teacher.

To use Sacred Magic - paralyze the five currents of the will - the desire to be great, the desire to take, the desire to keep, the desire to advance and the desire to hold onto at the expense of others. Be filled by Will from above. If you wish to purify the five currents of the will, practice the three traditional vows - for these are the keys to the kingdom of heaven:

1. "Obedience" - the practice of silencing personal desires, emotions and imagination. Obedience results in order - universal peace whose root is LOVE which arises from faith and confidence. He who recognizes God - obeys.
2. "Poverty" - the practice of inner emptiness which is established as a result of obedience, allowing the soul to receive revelation from above.
3. "Love" - putting into practice the resolution to live according to the Universal law - where the heart is love, for the heart lives only when it loves.

It is the purity of your will, not its force which constitutes the basis of *"divine"* magic, which does not force but establishes freedom of choice through the presence of the true, the beautiful and the good. Love is attained through faith by means of hope. Seek purity of heart - love, have compassion and show tenderness.

The spiritual as comprehended by the intellect - an acceptance of the external/collective intellect as opposed to your own. Organized religion and other systems of belief, ethics and morality. Any strong philosophical belief structure within which you are operating. Faith in the earthbound aspects of spirituality. Thought forms and ideologies that you become attached to because they are bridges to your own. This is the young and/or undeveloped mind attracted to and studying the thoughts of others. This is a link between ordinary worldly consciousness and the intuitive knowledge of God's law. Here then is the establishment, the norm, the administrative arm of the Emperor to administer the laws by which a *"below"* can be established to the "above." Aristotle taught, like the Tarot here, that in any society/state the form of religion practiced was fashioned after the form of government. Here we have consensus reality, society, *"common"* sense, organized religion, bureaucracy. The Hierophant presides over the realm of freedom/uncertainty.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who are you looking to for assistance, direction or learning?
2. What law or rule do you feel you have transgressed and who would hold you accountable?
3. What traditions are you upholding?
4. What traditions are you rebelling against?
5. What are you learning?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This path is to administer and administrate the word of God - to help society function according to divine truth and law. Even the professor of law or a philosophy professor is at home here.

In the second position: You have aligned yourself, your time and your habits, with others, with establishment and established ways of doing things. You have enjoyed doing the expected - pleasing yourself and your group.

In the third position: This is an opportunity to avail yourself of an established source, such as a given religion or philosophical school of thought. Truth is being presented in a package that is highly palatable - do not miss it - for it has been cooked especially for you.

In the fourth position: Here is an early passion for formal religion, such as a desire to join an order or become a priest. Also, here is the passion for the nation-state, such as a desire to run away and join the Marines. The love is for the group and the group belief. This is the mark of an early disciple to any system of thought or love.

In the fifth position: Your mind is not on frivolous things, but on the rudiments of what makes you tick, of what makes everything tick. You are centered on your personal belief system, evaluating the group to which your personal beliefs adhere and the universal systems to which that group adheres. This centering exercise cum evaluation is in preparation for some major work and you want the horses to be lined up just right.

In the sixth position: The heart's biggest question in the near future regards its relationship to the heart of the society to which it belongs. Do they beat as one?

In the seventh position: Your mind runs society's mores up the flagpole to test them in the wind of truth. Are they alive, flexible, inclusive? Can they be projected into the future without stretching the imagination?

In the eighth position: Your belief group is the most prominent, pre-eminent aspect of your material life. You may well be making your living on - line serving up God's reality in portions that people can swallow. You are putting your spirituality out there with others where people can touch it and try it on for size themselves.

In the ninth position: You are immersed in your faith, your belief system and the people sharing it with you. This is worship - what we want most and when we do it right, what we get the most out of. This is the balance of give and take, from above to below and back again. Done right - it does not matter which came first, the chicken or the egg.

In the tenth position: Listen to these guides of grace shedding new light in old corners. You may view this as a new turn on an old truth or as a new pattern of truth speaking an entirely new language. It will expand your awareness by giving you new friends to play and study with. Pay more than usual attention to dreams, channeling, meditation, all inner resources, as well as the marvel of serendipity in everyday events.

The Hierophant (R)

A *"limiting"* mind does not accept the present reality - regardless of what it is. It is always unsatisfied, which creates emotional disappointment and soon develops into physical setbacks. Life is a learning process - we learn from our successes and our mistakes for they represent areas for personal growth and breakthrough.

You have a keen sense of originality, you are not afraid to undertake new ventures because you have an open mind. Accept the responsibility of truly finding your own way and begin to form your own original ideas. Recognize the free spirit that glows within your soul - it is the new adventures that will make you whole. Someone will listen to your ideas - so never be afraid to speak your mind or do what you feel is best. Have the courage of your convictions - there are always new and refreshing vibrations coming into your life that will promote a open mind and a frank outlook on life if you will just learn to be receptive to them.

Over-attachment and blind acceptance/following. Just as you are eventually kicked out of your mother's physical/emotional nest, so too will your own mind kick you out of an outdated mental nest that is no longer comfortable. To the neurotic, this looking outside of the self for the accepted norm of behavior can become literally "*the voice of God*." We exist in a system, by the grace of that system into which we are born, but then we must decide for ourselves how we want to use, to adapt, to change that system and so pass it on to the next generation. Some of us choose a personal system very much like our parent/ predecessors, but we must "*choose it*" not blindly follow it. Others of us strike out on very different paths from the map handed to us.

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2. What law or rule do you feel you have transgressed and who would hold you accountable?
3. What traditions are you upholding?
4. What traditions are you rebelling against?
5. What are you learning?
6. How do you express your feelings?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Whether or not you are a priest - you will serve communion to your fellow citizen.

In the second position: Should you need to do something very out of the ordinary, you may have trouble getting the resources you need.

In the third position: Truth is to be presented in a package that is highly palatable - do not miss it - for it has been cooked especially for you. Be patient - this is a group to which you want to listen and participate with. It will become more concrete with time; that is why you are to be involved.

In the fourth position: If acted on too early, the passion for formal religion may prove to be less than long lasting. At another extreme the passion may be a hatred for a given belief system.

In the fifth position: Do not waste your time or the horses' in trying to get them lined up precisely before you think you can act. Life is an organic process.

In the sixth position: Ask yourself whether your belief system, your adherence to the collective faith, is opening your heart or closing it.

In the seventh position: Don't ask questions when you have none to ask or forget to ask them when you have one.

In the eighth position: You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink - it is as it should be.

In the ninth position: Too much immersion in a belief is actually a suspension of that belief - just as much as if you had refuted that belief to begin with. The heart will help you balance between belief and non-belief, between faith and doubt, between yourself and your group.

In the tenth position: Much of what you receive will be for others.

High Priestess

The Magician produces concentration without effort - a pure act of intelligence. Only through *"reflection"* can we become conscious of this pure act as it produces an *"inner"* awareness which is retained in your memory. Intellect alone - not fertilized by imagination and guided by the heart - is sterile. There is always activity beneath the surface - the whole picture can not be seen at this point - there is much depth. Within your unconscious mind, there is pure knowledge from the past - use your intuition and you will receive spiritual inspiration. The High Priestess represents *"reflection",* she is the wisdom which builds your house. Your dreams and meditations bring to the surface the hidden, subconscious past and future.

Develop your philosophical sense - practice it and begin to "*write your book*". All memory is recorded in your subconscious mind - probe below and get to the bottom of things. Keep the opposites in balance - be still, remain patient and reflect. God has much more to reveal to you. Consciousness results from two things - the *"active"* or question, which activates a principle and the *"passive"* or answer, which reflects it. Be true to yourself, never compromise your visions and you will find that which you seek. You are the peacemaker and you can see both sides - recognize that elements are at work that are not obvious on the surface. Listen to your *"inner"* voice - it will allow you to see the whole picture and arrive at a sensible response to the question of what it is you really want. The language of the Master is love - not psychology, philosophy or science. Pure intellect only reflects, while Love *"acts"*. Spirit is neither intellect nor imagination - it is Wisdom and Love combined. Happiness is your natural condition - it is your true Self - come to know it now.

The ability to remain passive is power - it gives your mind a chance to work, to reflect on what past actions have taught you and to awaken the things inside - it allows you to remember. The transformation from one who *"dares"* - to one who KNOWS takes place in four stages.

- The first stage is a time of pure reflection when the repetition of an experience is imagined.
- The second stage enters this reflection into your memory.
- In the third stage, this memory is assimilated into thought and feeling - it becomes a "*message*" or an "inner word".
- The fourth stage is reached when this "*inner word or message*" becomes a verbal "*symbol or writing*".

Only through withdrawal from outer involvement is the unconscious allowed to emerge and the inner voice of vision allowed to speak. Wisdom can not be expressed in rational terms, for they limit, narrow and falsify it. Wisdom lies hidden safely beneath the smooth surface of your conscious mind and only by stirring up your dreams and visions, can wisdom return to the light of the conscious mind and intuitive understanding be conveyed.

Spiritual intuition permits contact between your consciousness and the world of pure experience - which must then be expressed outwards. To obtain this state of waking consciousness, which is the reflection of your subconscious - allow yourself to be seated. Establish an active-passive state of consciousness - a state of mind where your soul "*listens attentively in silence*" as you apply yourself totally to a problem or question. Be yourself in any situation - always have complete faith in your feelings and KNOW that light will soon be shed on your situation. Listen for the message, be patient and wait for the static to clear - then communicate your truth, for only in truth will you be of service to others and to yourself.

Here is the birth of duality - the beginning of life in the emotional body - physical aspects of your emotions. In any position this may be a figure of great importance to you - such as a teacher or guide. The root of all feminine principles.

Questions to Answer:

1. What rhythms or cycles do you need to be aware of?
2. What knowledge are you seeking? What do you need to remember or "discover"?
3. What are you concealing?
4. Is it appropriate to do so?
5. How can you best use your intuitive, psychic or dream abilities at this time?
6. Who is seeking your counsel, or whose are you seeking?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is a lifetime dedicated to the work of the High Priestess. The main thrust of the next century - even the next millennium - is to balance the feminine with the masculine, by reasserting the feminine. Women must do this as well as men, for the effect of the masculine is in them also, and indeed was brought about by both men and women. We have done this to each other in partnership, and we must undo it together.

In the second position: You are rooted in natural principles and can fall back on a storehouse of excellent instincts. Natural

foods, natural medicines, keep you and your loved ones fit. Female energy is the main force in your environment, health, work, and perhaps even your exercise/leisure athletics. A significant part of your foundation may derive from a person embodying The High Priestess.

In the third position: You are being washed with universal feminine truths. Valuing all creation is uppermost, respecting nature and man's place as part of nature, working in harmony with the environment instead of trying to dominate it. Great sensitivity to life.

In the fourth position: This passion in this young heart was to be the classical heroine of mythic proportions - prior to its reduction by a male dominated civilization. This is the heroine/hero which lives in both woman and man waiting for their talents to be called on to save the day. Perhaps there is even a historical or imaginary, feminine hero figure living in your dreams.

In the fifth position: You have tremendous inner confidence in making decisions at this time, partly because intuitive right - brain functions are so accessible. Great capacity to listen and learn.

In the sixth position: In the near future, put more time and attention on yourself first and then loved ones. This can also mean a creative project crying out for completion. Look to your deepest desires and bring them into the light.

In the seventh position: Work to integrate the subconscious more fully with the conscious mind. Begin or increase your study of the occult, mysticism, esoteric philosophy and/or metaphysics.

In the eighth position: You are awash with healthy energy, creative projects on line and productive. Mysticism is a positive force in your affairs. Environmental issues may be dominating the moment.

In the ninth position: The heart is immersed in the feminine world, in appreciation of nature and the natural. There is great love of the Mother, with complete trust in her judgement and ability to soothe your cares.

In the tenth position: Here is the protecting umbrella of the Mother. A burst of creative energy for you, and enough revelation to know what you are supposed to do with it.

High Priestess (R)

You are experiencing your inner, intuitive mind - the center of all knowledge, memory and clairvoyant information. Seek it, stimulate it with your conscious mind - it contains the answers to all your questions and seeks consciousness arising through intuition, inspiration, art or emotions

Be receptive now to situations which lack any depth - when nothing is hidden and everything is seen. The nature of the mind is the nature of the spirit - be willing now to *"still"* your mind and allow the information to flow freely - trust the deepest core of who you are. Waste no tears on your memories. Examine every thought and do not place your trust in anyone until you have completely analyzed your whole situation. A person of weak character who is lacking in stamina will effect the kind of support you need. Completely review your situation and the people involved. If you find that you are lacking strength - KNOW that you need a deeper commitment.

Do not allow yourself to become over emotional now - it will cause you to turn to an irrational line of thought. Your mind is endlessly fruitful - learn how to use this aspect of your equipment or nothing will ever happen. Once you learn how to operate in the mind - you become creative. It is your attitude which creates suffering - change your attitude and the suffering will disappear as your interpretation of the experience will be completely different.

You have been passive too long - you are becoming cold and passionless and it has led to weakness, fear of life and fear of other people. You find that you are unable to translate your strong intuition and feeling into action because you are afraid to "open up". Do not allow yourself to become cold and passionless. Turn towards your passions, towards deep involvement with life and other people in all ways - emotionally, sexually and competitively. Your most precious knowledge is the sense of your *"inner"* Self.

Questions to Answer:

1. What rhythms or cycles do you need to be aware of?
2. What knowledge are you seeking?
3. What do you need to remember or "discover"?
4. What are you concealing and is it appropriate to do so?
5. How can you best use your intuitive, psychic or dream abilities at this time?
6. Who is seeking your counsel or whose are you seeking?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This work is already done in you for the most part and you must now help others to their balance.

In the second position: To be even stronger here, do not allow too much or too little of this archetype,

In the third position: The lessons of the High Priestess are especially important to you now - study her meanings and meditate on the card itself

In the fourth position: A heroine/hero worship must have its limits - they must be our guides - not our task masters.

In the fifth position: You may have received more information through right-brain, psychic/intuitive input than is helpful for you and your purposes. Consult objective references and/or apply affirmation techniques before acting.

In the sixth position: Your emotions and desires may run deep for a short while. Many outside energies vie for your attention, most not worthy of your time. Do not begin major new relationships or creative projects until your heart clears.

In the seventh position: Possible confusion about how your mind wants to pursue its interest in these subjects. Be both objective and intuitive in your selection and proceed accordingly.

In the eighth position: Inefficient or poor use of feminine energy, a distortion of esoteric or occult traditions.

In the ninth position: There may be a block to this feeling, it being unreachable to the extent that you would like or need. As with all positions, the High Priestess here could be a person. Remember also to examine the possible effect of too much or too little.

In the tenth position: By grace, there will be a cutting back on the level of feminine energy - a little gift of balancing from the divine, like a spiritual massage session.

Judgement

Wonderful things are starting to happen now. Forge ahead and see what the future holds - face life realistically. Trust and believe that the new vibrations will let you see exactly what you'd like to be. Take a good look at your life and you will be gifted with the vision to see ahead. You are being blessed with cosmic energies that will give you the guidance you need - be willing now to direct yourself - make all the changes you desire. You have achieved worthy goals, attained inner development and you are entering a time of serenity and happiness - a time of new beginnings.

Truth will always destroy anything false. The liberating effect of life-giving beliefs will result in new patterns that will change your behavior. Beliefs emerge from the dream state as bursts of revelation - reconciling divergent ideas and bridging the gaps between your beliefs. You experience your emotions - triumphing over psychological chaos as you break through into new dimensions of awareness that are now conscious. From the source of your being you are regenerated and reborn as you recognize the true freedom that comes from the realization that you shape your own reality.

As you raise yourself to a more meaningful existence now - your old ways of believing and thinking exist no more and the new requires action. Your perception is influenced by your past experiences - descend into the waters of nothingness and rise up liberated from all this partial knowledge. As your ego dies away - the illusions of isolation are dissolved and your spirit is resurrected. Coming to terms with your past experiences is a part of going beyond those experience. Allow the force greater than yourself to lead you to the true nature of existence and the way you are a part of it. Allow your true mind to awaken now. You are not experiencing new circumstances - but new consciousness. Merge yourself with the forces of life and join with all that has been separated. This search for your true identity will lead you to discover the great powers within yourself. No one can truly be free as long as another is enslaved. You can not liberate yourself until you liberate all humanity - your liberation - liberates everyone. Listen - hear the call now and make the important change. Allow the new to emerge - the old situations, your old self has died and the only thing that remains is your recognition of this fact.

Use your *"intuition"* to its very maximum now. Allow yourself to become a motivating spirit - actively participate in the process of world evolution. Raise yourself to conscious participation in the work of divine magic. The practice of strict self-denial is a measure of personal and spiritual discipline. The work and idea of resurrection appeals to that which is most creative, most generous and most courageous in the human soul which has been invited to become a conscious and active instrument of accomplishment. What faith, what hope and what love is implied here!

Forgetting, sleep and death are three degrees of the same thing - the process of eliminating a conscious, living being. Your *"ego"* or *"waking"* state - is only a weak part of the totality of your consciousness. It is the focal point of your actions, judgments and deeds and it is limited to what you are engaged in judging, saying or doing at any particular moment. The rest of your consciousness - that which is not concerned with the immediate action - is elsewhere. In order to *"act"*, it is necessary to forget - to dismiss those things which do not interest you, so that you can recall to mind the knowledge which will be useful.

"*Good concentration*" is the ability to swiftly and completely chase away all images and concepts which are not useful for *"action"* - it is the art of forgetting. "*Good memory*" is the mastery of the art of recall. You easily forget what you do not love, while you never forget those things that you love. Love gives you the power to recall the things that your heart preserves as *"warm"*. Resurrection is morality - pure and simple. It is not an all powerful divine act, but rather the effect of the meeting and union of divine love, hope and faith with human love, hope and faith.

"*Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven*" is a prayer - the act of submission of your human will to divine will. Miracles are not *"proof"* of the divine, but rather proof of the alliance of divine will and human will. It is the effect of the *"free"* union of two free wills.

"...each man's work will become manifest; for the day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss - though he himself will be saved - but only through fire." (I Corinthians 3:13 - 15)

Emotional clearing - the acceptance, the forgiving of others and of self necessary for completion. It is the emotional reward or the punishment felt in your own heart - the reward is being able to accept and move on; the punishment is being unable to overcome your past. Correct, workable feelings about things. All duality at the emotional level is resolved, as all differences with your fellow man and creatures are forgiven, not forgotten. They must be remembered well as lessons lest you repeat your mistakes. The impact of grace on the heart.

Questions to Answer:

1. What “call” have you heard?
2. Who or what is being criticized?
3. What judgment is being made?
4. What new realization is transforming you?
5. Who or what are you merging with?
6. What or whom are you responsible for?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Universal love is the force through which everything is judged to be of God and therefore worthy of God, as self is worthy of self. You will walk this leg of your journey being open to any who would be your friend and to those who would not, you will even be their lover.

In the second position: You are surrounded by reliable situations in your material world because of your direct and efficient manner. Communication has been honest and everyone knows where they stand with you in business. Your health has prospered because there is little stress with nothing to hide.

In the third position: This is a time for conscious resolution in your emotional house. Progress can be made in forgiveness of yourself and of others. The overtures are yours for the making.

In the fourth position: Your early emotional imprint on which you build even today is virtually utopian, but the realizable utopia of universal love (brought to the West by the Christ) and understanding (brought to the East by the Buddha).

In the fifth position: You have a good objective grasp of the situation. You are seeing things clearly and what you are planning is fair to all concerned. Now just keep it all out in the open where you can keep your eye on it and deal with it.

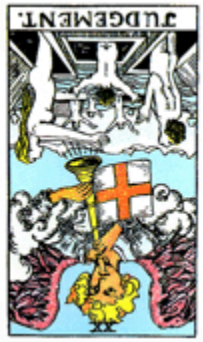
In the sixth position: The issues of judgement hit your Emotional Plane in the near future. The more universal character of higher emotions both demands and enables you to seek level ground in the give and take of your relationships. No energy debt can accrue, much less multiply, if giving and taking are according to need and ability to share.

In the seventh position: Here is an opportunity for mind to help the heart with its karma. Mind can frequently identify an imbalance in your Emotional Plane, where a need for forgiveness of another or of yourself is clear, but the heart in its capacity of lower emotions will still find it difficult to clear the matter. The heart may even feel completely unable to clear. The higher mind, here in the function of a healthy conscience, is given the power to take action, to make a call or write a letter, to find the words it needs to say and in time too the heart will believe the words the mind has found for it.

In the eighth position: The peace pipe is being passed. Resolution of problems in your material affairs, centering around how people have handled each other.

In the ninth position: There is a mature, long-term look at the world in your creative output. Your heart is reviewing, as it likes to do often - the magic in its relationships in order to nurture it and make it grow even more, never satisfied that it has done enough, acting out of intense love not guilt.

In the tenth position: Here comes a big dose of grace that helps the heart over the hurdles of disappointment, resentment and anger. Listen as the music of the spheres plays the notes that resonate in all hearts and the sense of alienation you feel will surely subside.



Judgement (R)

You are feeling uneasy, lonely - longing to be free of certain situations but you can not see the way out. Acknowledge when you are tired - when you are feeling low and would like to know which way to go. Make it known that you wish to answer the call but you do not know what to do. Stop fearing the unknown - review your life and make new plans for the future. Release yourself - do not allow your fears to keep you locked into this situation. Never allow regrets and remorse to build. Direct the course of your life by examining and altering any self-destructive behavioral patterns. Break away from old, limiting habitual patterns. Plant new seeds in your subconscious - be willing to try new ideas, a new job or even consider moving far away and starting over again. If loneliness is affecting your judgment - go deep within and find help. Your objections are only *"excuses"* which have become dominant in your life. Your life has changed - only your choice remains.

The realization of your True Self will liberate you from all these self imposed restrictions. It is wonderful to know that there is a place inside of us where we can be joyful and free no matter what is going on in the external world. Discover that you will never really die - that death is only change and you will have overcome the last great illusion. Recognize that you are a Being - not a body, free to live forever in a boundless universe. Discover the guarantee of immortality and delight in the joy and happiness. You can be optimistic about the seeds you plant within yourself - given half a chance, they will grow in quite miraculous ways. The things you need will come to you in magical ways as you learn to rule your life and not be ruled by it. The divine spirit within you will provide support, guidance and everything you need for your life's voyage - giving you the appetite to enjoy the journey. There are two stages in the work of the Self - the first stage ends once you are liberated - the second stage begins as you turn your focus on your expression and carrying out your creative purpose in life.

It is not uncommon to find this card inverted, for this is a very difficult step in your evolution of consciousness. There may be a serious flaw, clearing has not been achieved. Guilt, which is part of not forgiving self, can be the result of assuming more responsibility than is one's lot. This is seen as an aspect of the sin of pride - for it is presumptuous of us to assume too much responsibility. In so doing, we presume to be God. Amorality - lack of remorse. Inability to forgive others or self.

Questions to Answer:

1. What "call" have you heard?
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3. What judgment is being made?
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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will be called upon to teach many by your example.

In the second position: At one extreme, you could be on shaky ground because you have made and/or allowed things to become unduly complicated. At another extreme, you may have been unduly hard on those around you and there is little motivation for them to help you.

In the third position: Accept the overtures of others to heal the past and prepare the future.

In the fourth position: These tapes may have been someone else's version of what was good and in one extreme you are trying still to work with that version, in the other extreme you are rejecting it.

In the fifth position: Your view of things may be a bit skewed. Another possibility is that you have decided that others have things wrong.

In the sixth position: You will be feeling an inequity in your emotional house, a discomfort that you can ease by letting love and grace heal you or you can exacerbate the problem further with self-pity or self-righteousness.

In the seventh position: One distortion here is that you may be planning revenge or you may be anticipating and fearing it. Here the mind may be making matters worse under the influence of the lower ego.

In the eighth position: You may be passing judgement on someone at this time and it may not be correct.

In the ninth position: At one extreme, this heart may be struggling with itself over its track record. At the other extreme, there is the opposite of no struggle - even less, no concern with the flame of friendship and love barely flickering.

In the tenth position: You cannot do the work of others in this business of forgiveness, but you can do your part by forgiving yourself if you have wronged another. Confrontation or face to face retreading of the issue, is not always the correct choice of resolution and even when it is appropriate, forgiveness must have already taken place in the heart before the meeting. The meeting here is not the means to resolution, but merely an acknowledgement of the fact.

Justice

It is time for your decision - investigate all the aspects of your situation, then decide what action is fair and honest. You have learned from your past experiences to do what you feel is best and all things considered - the right decision has been made. Balance and sound judgment are necessary now - a *"complete"* person needs more than *"material"* triumphs - the heart and spirit must also be served if you wish to produce justice.

For every action, there is an equal reaction - weigh and balance your present conditions through elimination. Great inspiration is available if you tap into your *"inner"* source. Justice manifests itself through judgement and all who *"think"* judge. Justice represents *"grace"* or balanced judgement. Bliss or *"heaven"* is the state mind of a soul which is filled with hope - for it is the intensity of hope which gives the quality of *"eternal"*. Justice represents the balance of your *"inner"* works (prayer) - with your *"outer"* reality (thought) and freedom is experienced when you judge - not by your temperament or character - but, by the balanced justice or your own conscience.

If you wish to progress - consider adjusting your beliefs and readjusting your behavior, maintain mental flexibility. New ideas follow patterns - you *"judge"* a new situation against an old recalled one and weigh your judgment based on that past experience in order to elicit what *"you"* consider a proper response. To properly understand your beliefs - you need to first interpret the *"emotions"* which are reflected from them, then *"judge"* which emotions are based on helpful beliefs and which are based on limiting, stressful ones. You will advance according to your ability to understand the past. You see the truth about yourself, by peeling off the outer masks and allowing yourself to perceive the *"real"* motivation behind the actions that you have taken and what would have been a more appropriate response. Be mindful, fair and honor your mind, your heart, your body and your spirit.

"Memory/vision" is meaningful only if it produces an active response. *"Act"* upon the wisdom received from your *"inner"* self - for it pierces through the illusion of an event to find the deeper meaning of that event. You ARE the actions you have taken in the past and you form your future by the actions you take now. Real action - apposed to pointless movement - always brings meaning and value to your life, for such action comes from understanding. Awaken to the *"active"* principle or you will remain a passive machine - always pushed from one event to the next - never truly understanding what causes you to do the things you do. True action arises from self - knowledge and wisdom arises out of action. Think about your life if you wish to understand it - develop a clear vision of the truth.

The Wheel of Fortune represents a vision of your life - the events, who you are and what you have made of yourself. Justice represents your understanding of that vision and understanding lies in accepting the responsibility for that life. If you believe that your life "just happens" - the past will remain a mystery and the future an endless turning wheel void of any real meaning, because you will constantly repeat past behavior. If you wish to change and control the *"ego"* mask you wear - you need to first admit that you created it - then you need to accept the *"justice"* of your life. What you are, you have made yourself - allow temperance to emerge. Initiation requires a response - if you choose to passively wait for the next event, you will not move forward. Ask questions! Seek answers to the mysteries that are being revealed to you and show your awareness of the process which is taking place and your willingness to move forward.

Intuition links you to the greater powers of the universe. It is not enough just to foresee the future - if you wish to change or prevent an event, then you must first understand *"why"* it is coming, so that you can correct the *"cause"* within yourself - the things that you will do and the way that you will react. What happens to you, derives from the situations and the decisions you have made in the past - things work out the way they were *"meant"* to work out. Seeing the truth of an outcome in absolute honesty, will enable you to change or correct your actions in a future situation - by utilizing the lessons you are learning in this current situation.

The fulcrum of the mind illuminated and educated. You KNOW what you know. A code of ethics, a basis for appropriate action - the rational mind balancing a host of dualities - giving equal time to both past and future. The mental link of dualities, non-violent concepts - balance without stagnation. Mental balance is peace. Knowledge of appropriate behavior - clarity, decisiveness - the mind has been touched by the heart, by the spirit. A working knowledge of the order of things, an intellectual understanding of what the game of life is, what the rules are and how you play. Organization, change for the better at the mental level.

Questions to Answer:

1. What decisions are you weighing?
2. What are the pros and cons?
3. What consequences are you experiencing as a result of some previous action?

4. What is the appropriate compensation or “energy exchange” needed to balance this situation?
5. What do you need to do to be true to yourself?
6. What is unbalancing you?
7. What can help create a new balance?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This lifetime will be dedicated to balancing views. It falls to you to work toward the reconciliation of opposing forces.

In the second position: The balance you have achieved in your Physical/material Plane is a marvel to behold. Balance, as much as sheer quantity and mass - is fundamental to a good foundation. Your ability to judge situation and make correct decisions in business matters has not hurt.

In the third position: The chakras are to be aligned for the work ahead - necessary alignment of the Spiritual, Mental, Emotional and Physical Planes. Hurry and get your seat on the correct side of the hall for the procession is about to begin.

In the fourth position: The passion here, your guiding tape is for equality, for fairness and it grows up to be ideals like that of democracy in its purest form. The textbook heroic form of socialism in which all of God’s children are treated well.

In the fifth position: Here is an opening of the throat chakra, with an attendant increase in communicative abilities. Your mind is centered, clear, decisive, and responsible, as it works to resolve a host of dualities. There is a Zen presence of mind.

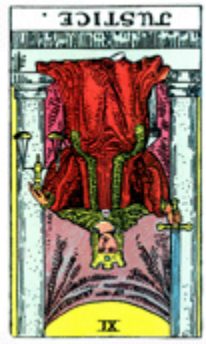
In the sixth position: Here is the effect of a leveling hand on relationships and creativity, productivity. Legal decisions affecting relationships in your favor. The Emotional Plane is making good sense. The heart is moving into more universal waters, caring about the effect of ethics and the lack thereof.

In the seventh position: Trust your evaluations in the near future. Go with the facts - the truth. Legal resolutions in your favor. You have to make things add up before you can make much more headway. You may have to kill a sacred cow or two, but you will get those scales to balance.

In the eighth position: Physical situation balanced, under control - peace - fairness all the way around. Favorable legal decision in your material plane.

In the ninth position: The heart’s gut reactions are on target; trust your instincts here. The heart has noble concerns about egalitarian issues. Justice must prevail.

In the tenth position: A mental calm washes over you. There is a pervading sense of correctness. Here is the answer to a mental conundrum. This sets the stage for your crusade.



Justice (R)

When you are unwilling to seek out the meaning of the events taking place in your life - you are being dishonest with yourself and others and missing the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of yourself and your life. Do not allow this unfairness to act as an *"excuse"* for denying your own responsibility for what happens to you. Accept that you may experience injustice, harsh or unfair judgment by others and that these experiences can result in possible loss. Accept that at these times you will feel inadequate and unable to change the situation. No matter what is right or true - you cannot change what people do. If someone has taken advantage of you - you can not change things. Once you have done everything possible - stop worrying - direct all your energies elsewhere. Accept a bad situation and go your way, for it is through the process of elimination that you find out what it is you really want. You will find that the *"things"* you eliminate were never really necessary - fact is, they were the very obstacles standing in the way of your happiness. As you begin to see the difference between what you want and what you do not want in fine detail - you will begin to eliminate the obstacles. You will learn that when they are in your way - you are not happy. You need never worry about going "too far" to one side or the other side - your *"inner"* instruction will always bring you back to the right path again. Emotional moderation, if taken too far - soon stifles the full expression of your feelings - you become rigid and overly structured - spending too much time in the mind evaluating everything and actually feeling nothing.

The ultimate question is - "What is it that you really want?" Continue to experiment until you find something that really suits you - something that makes you happy year in and year out. Your *"will"* is what you take great delight in - direct your energy toward bringing yourself the greatest possible rewards and never accept second best. Insist on being the best in all that you think and do and then you will be able to distinguish between what is of this world and what is not - what is transitory and what is everlasting - what is illusionary and what is real.

This can indicate improper use of knowledge or a "Do as I say, but not as I do" person. A distortion of idealism into the unrealistic, dogmatic, uncompromising and the overly critical. At one extreme, permissiveness - at the other, intolerance. On the principle of balance, at one extreme too much balance yields mental rigidity/inertia. At the other extreme is not enough balance or imbalance and we can see prejudice, bias and favoritism.

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1. What decisions are you weighing?
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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The balancing, the reconciliation you must bring about may be on a world scale - it is certainly large. May the forces be with you as you complete your task, Mr. Ambassador.

In the second position: Your resources, while they may add up on paper, may not be reliable when you need them. You have even distorted them to yourself so that you probably don't know where you really stand.

In the third position: You must be more opinionated, self - directed, and expressive. Others need you to be centered and assertive and cannot wait as long as you think you can.

In the fourth position: At one extreme is the nirvana ideal that sounds good but proves to be a nightmare disguised as heaven. At the other extreme is a distorted preference for inequality, for favoritism and advantage - the card player who prefers a stacked deck to the challenge of having to play against equal odds and winning by sheer ability.

In the fifth position: At one extreme, the opening can be too great and should be tempered. At the other extreme, there is closure, poor communications, cloudiness and indecisiveness. Very little is being resolved, certainly no major dualities.

In the sixth position: Adverse legal decisions in the Emotional/Creative Plane. The leveling hand may prove to be a bit heavy. Your heart is not up to code in matters of ethics - there may be a subconscious distortion of the truth.

In the seventh position: Temptation may be to neglect or distort the truth.

In the eighth position: Time for resolution of differences in the Physical Plane. At an extreme, a time of war. At another

extreme is the more difficult problem to see, that of too much justice, too much control, too much leveling out. Legal decision unfavorable - stop, take a breath and get back on track.

In the ninth position: The heart's conclusions may be so correct as to be painful or to bring about a great reaction/change. Justice is prevailing but at a painful cost to this heart. At another extreme, there is distortion here with much inaccurate noise clouding the facts of the situation. Injustice is the hour of the day.

In the tenth position: All this good feeling and it is so that you can share it with and use it for others.

King of Cups

Emotional loyalty - unconditional love and commitment - the ability to give emotional comfort, support and positive regard to others. Qualities of generosity, reliability, respect - one who provides wise counseling with much empathy. A quiet spirit, filled with love that has moved beyond *"ego"* and vanity and offers unconditional spiritual healing and uplifting.

Your happiness is the key to being alive. Laugh, love, smile and bring pleasure to your life. Regenerate yourself and you regenerate and heal others. Achievements derived from your creativity - shape life in a way that separates you from your playful imagination. To achieve success, you discipline and even suppressed your dreams - directing all your creative powers into socially responsible achievements and confining your natural energy flow. Always trying to maintain a calm exterior may cause you to subconsciously suppress your feelings and troubled emotions. Balance of your imagination and discipline is essential now - lighten up and have some fun. Healer by example and by touch. Faith is love, centered on the one God.

Questions to Answer:

1. What feelings are you keeping under firm control?
2. In what ways are you a care - giver or counselor?
3. Who cares for you deeply?
4. How have you established yourself creatively?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will be looked to for your authority and position, but more so for your compassionate use of your position. It falls to you to show that people may need leaders and organization to avoid chaos and work efficiently, but they do not need anyone to make them work or do anything for that matter. You seek to motivate by example.

In the second position: You have someone - a family member, a partner, an angel - that you can fall back on. But more than financial or physical help, this is the strong shoulder to cry on, the caring ear that can listen to your problems. This man can help heal your wounds.

In the third position: Think well on this card for he is coming to you in one guise or another. For there is order to be put in your emotional/creative house, to take charge and make things right. More leadership and control is needed here.

In the fourth position: Your earliest tapes of imprint are of this loving father figure, perhaps your own father. But it could be of an older family figure such as a grandfather or of course someone outside of the family, perhaps someone famous whom you came to admire.

In the fifth position: The mind is on this king of the emotions. He may be a key player in the game on your table. You are being both authoritative and considerate in this matter.

In the sixth position: Here comes a mature masculine influence in your near future and of course it may be delivered in person. As a result you will be more focused and purposeful in your emotional affairs and your creative projects can flourish with such motivation and encouragement behind them.

In the seventh position: Here on the mental horizon in the near future comes power with a heart. This can be the partner you have needed to help you realize your goals. For with the intellect here are the personality and people skills to work miracles.

In the eighth position: This king may be on your doorstep. He brings the possibilities of good times and rejoicing as he shows you how to do your chores and have fun at the same time.

In the ninth position: The heart is on this king of the emotions. He may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to secure your Emotional/Creative plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the King of Cups. It may however, be the access to what he represents. You must be able to wear both masks of the theater in the Emotional Plane - the smile and the frown.

King of Cups (R)

Create your own happiness - stop waiting passively for life to wait upon you. Re-assess your priorities, your loyalties and your commitments. Eliminate the "should's" and begin to move toward that which has vitality, heart and meaning. Recognize that people are not always what they appear to be - they can be powerful and put you down. Accept that there is always a possibility of double dealing or loss with any person or situation. If you feel you have been treated badly or misled - avoid any disagreements or violent emotions can emerge from your calm exterior because of the pressures caused by these outside events. Seek to find your solution by forgiving and extending compassion.

Questions to Answer:

1. What feelings are you keeping under firm control?
2. In what ways are you a care - giver or counselor?
3. Who cares for you deeply?
4. How have you established yourself creatively?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: How you balance your kingly qualities with your emotional sensitivity may be the test of this lifetime.

In the second position: At one extreme, this suggests that you have someone you can fall back on who may have been your safety net - but it is not as strong for you at this time. At the other extreme, there may be too much support that you have relied on too heavily for your own independent development.

In the third position: You need to heed the King of Cups for your own benefit, but there are others who depend on you for your soothing, healing presence.

In the fourth position: Distorted, this otherwise very healthy archetype can become a block instead of a blueprint/foundation for love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to compete. At the other extreme, the figure is loathed and by extension either all men or all of a certain types of men are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this king or he about you. There may be a tug of war between responsibility and your lust for life.

In the sixth position: If the king is someone in your life already, this can show a problem. At one extreme, there is such a showering of affection that it can create difficulties, a smothering effect. At the other extreme, there is a lack of caring attention to support your needs.

In the seventh position: At one extreme, the charming character here can distort into the charlatan. At the other extreme, the messenger can succeed all too well leaving the message in the shadows.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, there may be a strong influence, a person who can easily persuade you to go into too deep water. At the other extreme, this person who charms you may be working absolute wonders healing your physical and material woes.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this king, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person. At another extreme, you may be enjoying yourself a little too much for your situation.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

King of Pentacles

Mastery of prosperity, harvest, determination and abundance - a solid position. The desire to create and protect that which is financially necessary. A generous soul who is friendly, affectionate, solid, steady and can be of great help. A gifted person who has not been overcome by their position in life. Satisfied with your life, your capabilities and your achievements - success has been justified, which allows you to relax and enjoy it - remaining joyful and at peace with the world and yourself. Your achievements and productivity are direct reflections of your character - your *"spirit"*. Honor it and become established - a force in your field of endeavor - acknowledge your power and status. Share your knowledge with others - teach, guide, advise and counsel as you contribute to the advancement of your field. Establish a firm, solid foundation. Trust your experience, take pride in your accomplishments. Enjoy your work as you enjoy yourself.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you using your ability to manage your material affairs?
2. Who is trustworthy yet stubborn?
3. How are you being practical and down-to-earth or who do you know that is?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Many will depend on you for their basic needs and security, possibly their livelihood, even their lives. This harks back to the lord of the manor/castle whose extended family lived literally under his wing. Our Chief Executive Officers, leaders of industry and heads of family businesses are contemporary society's closest equivalents.

In the second position: You have someone - a family member, a partner, an angel - that you can fall back on. Being part of a family business or an extended family working together fill this bill nicely.

In the third position: Think well on this card for he is coming to you in one guise or another. For there is order to be put in your physical/material house, to take charge and make things right. More leadership and control is needed here.

In the fourth position: Your earliest tapes of imprint are of this providing father figure, perhaps your own father. It could be of an older family figure such as a grandfather or even someone outside the family - someone famous that you admire.

In the fifth position: The mind is on the king. He may represent a plan underway to assume responsibility, take charge or he may be the key player in the present game underfoot.

In the sixth position: King on the emotional horizon in the near future. This brings much more authority and security into your love life, maybe even your creative life. You may have to make some minor adjustments in some areas, as kings like to be well - accommodated.

In the seventh position: King on the mental horizon in the near future. You may be setting up a new situation with yourself as head. The mind is dedicated to pragmatic affairs, determined that this project or business will succeed.

In the eighth position: You are very much in control, centered in your affairs with an eye on all the details. The lord of the manor is in and he is in his throne room. This suggests that things are much to your liking and for all the duties and work involved, being king is nice at the moment.

In the ninth position: The heart is on the king. He may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway. Your heart is accepting a great amount of responsibility.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to secure your Physical/material Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the King of Pentacles. It may however, be the access to what he represents. Necessity has proved to be the father of invention in this case.

King of Pentacles (R)

Recognize when the choice to use "any means" to reach a goal has resulted in failure and this lack of fulfillment has brought feelings of doubt, dissatisfaction and weakness. This break in reality results in psychic danger as the vital connection with nature is severed and cut off from the rejuvenating flow. Focus now on releasing the people in your life who have a narrow - minded, inflexible, materialistic view on life. They may appear to be successful, respected and wealthy; but inwardly they are worried, tense, frustrated and afraid.

A propensity toward ill health. Recurring material/ financial problems. A preoccupation with physical appearances or material or health matters. A conspicuous consumer, a man controlled by his possessions or a hypochondriac. Avoidance of responsibilities vs worrying too much about security.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you using your ability to manage your material affairs?
2. Who is trustworthy yet stubborn?
3. How are you being practical and down-to-earth or who do you know that is?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You may be one of those called upon to carry an extra heavy load.

In the second position: At one extreme, this suggests that your safety net is not strong for you at this time. At the other extreme, there may be too much support that you have relied on too heavily for your own independent development.

In the third position: Of course, you need to heed the King of Pentacles for your own benefit, but there are others who depend on you to take hold and take charge and to produce.

In the fourth position: Distorted, this otherwise very healthy archetype can become a block instead of a blueprint/foundation for love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to compete. At the other extreme, the figure is loathed and by extension either all men or all of certain types of men are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this king or he about you. As an aspect of yourself, you may be thinking of getting out from under a responsibility.

In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life, there will be emotions to deal with here. The kind and depth will depend on who says no to whom.

In the seventh position: You may be setting yourself up with too much to do - avoid taking on too much responsibility, especially without commensurate authority.

In the eighth position: The king may be thrown for a loop. But it appears to be more personal than directed at your holdings or family, your responsibilities. Other possibilities are the extremes of either having taken on too much responsibility for the moment or not enough.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this king and rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

King of Swords

Authority - a focused, determined, intentional mind filled with clarity of purpose and strong will which offers excellent counsel and is most reliable. The state of mind that contains no doubt, is committed to intellectual honesty and the need to put knowledge into practice. A master of wisdom compelling others to recognize and hold to the truth. You may be provided with new opportunities that will take you in a new direction. Allow new ideas, new thoughts in with no judgment or censorship. Each new moment creates an opportunity to fulfill ever - changing needs. Formulate your ideas into workable solutions, apply your thoughts and make sure they work. Move forward - go for it!

Mental, assertive, a perfectionist. Defender/protector, philosophical, studious, alert, direct - a knowledgeable leader. Tactician, soldier, father of ideas and ideals. Good planner. Ruled by the drive of necessity. Pilot, teacher, mentor, researcher - highly informed and courageous.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who is laying down the law?
2. How are you using your ability to be rational, logical and analytical?
3. Who is judging or criticizing you?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Defender to be sure, but also you are strategically involved in the determination of the value of things, in helping decide what is to be protected and worth saving, not just for now but for posterity.

In the second position: You have someone, a family member, a partner, an angel that you can fall back on. And this shoulder is one who can help you think your way out of a problem as well as fight your way out.

In the third position: Think well on this card, for he is coming to you in one guise or another. For there is order to be put in your mental house, to take charge and make things right. more leadership and control is needed here.

In the forth position - Imprints of a protective and knowledgeable father figure which you admire.

In the fifth position: The King of Swords is what you are thinking of at present, either in his person or what he represents. You are taking a stand, having staked out your position. This is your mind at its best, highly rational and well - centered.

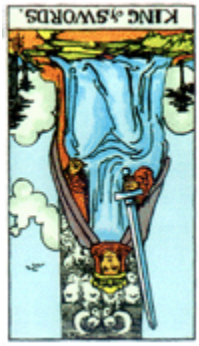
In the sixth position: Here comes a mature masculine influence in your near future and of course it may be delivered in person. As a result you will be more focused and purposeful in your emotional affairs and your creative projects can flourish with such intelligent supervision and assertiveness.

In the seventh position: Here on the mental horizon in the near future comes power with a mind to direct it. This can be someone, a confidant with whom you can work toward your goals. Now is the time to assert the leadership and authority to get things done the way you think best.

In the eighth position: Perhaps the king has been invited to dinner or to join you at work. Whatever, things are very much in control in your Physical/material Plane. This bodes well for the continued advancement of your ideas and goals. You are ready for action.

In the ninth position: The heart is on this King of the mind. He may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to secure your Mental Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the King of Swords. It may, however, be the access to what he represents. Now is the time; you must pull Excalibur from the rock, let it teach you and you will use it well.



King of Swords (R)

If you wish to achieve your goal - align your focus, will and intention so that it is moving in the same direction. Recognize injustice, unfairness or an unyielding decision - remain centered and focus on maintaining your balance. Recognize authority which has been corrupted - strength used for its own ends of power and dominance. See clearly the arrogance of a powerful mind turned in on itself, recognizing only its own desire for control. See your inventiveness - put your ideas into practice and bring them into your physical reality. At one extreme - an overly aggressive man, self-righteous or egomaniacal. At the other extreme, a weak, unassertive type with a lack of self-esteem.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who is laying down the law?
2. How are you using your ability to be rational, logical and analytical?
3. Who is judging or criticizing you?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Much of what you will be called upon to save will belong to many others.

In the second position: At one extreme, this suggests that your past "safety net" is not as strong for you at this time. At the other extreme, there may be too much support that you have relied on too heavily for your own independent development.

In the third position: Of course, you need to heed the King of Swords for your own benefit, but there are others who depend on you for your intelligence and courage.

In the fourth position: Distorted, this otherwise very healthy archetype can become a block instead of a blueprint/foundation for love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to compete. At the other extreme, the figure is loathed and by extension either all men or all of a certain types of men are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this king or he about you. You may believe that aggression is possible.

In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life, this may test your love. At one extreme, this can be too much imposition on you from outside, stifling your individuality and preferences, whether or not the intentions were good.

In the seventh position: If this is someone already in your life, this may show a turn of mind between you. At one extreme there is too much authority and power.

In the eighth position: At one extreme - you may have received poor advise or help with your material affairs or health. At the other extreme - you may be under someone's influence or control that is not in your best interests.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this King but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person. Someone may have been far too assertive or aggressiver for this situation.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

King of Wands

The qualities of strength, security and commitment to spiritual growth. A visionary who is energetic and unwilling to edit, rehearse or hold back any part of Self. Generous, but impulsive - excellent leadership qualities when channeled in the right direction. Loyal, courageous, strong, passionate, loves the traditional ways and family life. Dynamic expressions of deep internal shifts - the ability to shed old beliefs and honor the changing perceptions of Self and others. A strong-minded person, able to dominate others by strength of will. His power is derived from a firm belief in his own rightness - he KNOWS the truth; he KNOWS his method is best and he considers it only *"natural"* for others to follow. Naturally honest, he sees no reason or value in lies. He is positive and optimistic for the same reasons and the energy burns so strongly in him that he does not understand why anyone would wish to express negative attitudes. He is a master of creative energy, for his social commitment has tamed it and put it to use.

Do not limit yourself - remain versatile and adaptable. Play out every role - act swiftly and spontaneously - change from moment to moment while retaining your inner sense of self. Liberate your full spirit - as you channel for the great spirit, you become enlightened and enlighten others as you transcend your *"ego"*.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you expressing your sense of self?
2. How are you using your decision - making and leadership abilities?
3. Who is controlling the situation?
4. Who do you admire for their sense of self?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is a call to leadership of the highest order, to lead others on the path to greater understanding of the spirit.

In the second position: You have someone - a family, a partner, an angel - that you can fall back on. And this shoulder is one who can show you the greater scope in which your difficulties are resolved as lessons learned. With him by your side no problem will be too great to handle.

In the third position: Think well on this card for he is coming to you in one guise or another. For there is order to be put in your spiritual house, to take charge and make things right. More leadership and control is needed here.

In the fourth position: Your earliest tapes of imprint are of this spiritual figure of authority, perhaps your own father. but it could be of an older family figure such as a grandfather or of course someone outside the family, perhaps someone famous whom you came to admire.

In the fifth position: The King of Wands occupies your thoughts, either in his person or his characteristics. Clarification of spiritual issues, of messages that affect those who listen to you, is the issue, of formal procedures in spiritual business - this is the nature of your mental moment.

In the sixth position: As the mature man with the fiery spirit comes into your Emotional Plane in the near future, you have an opportunity to open up your heart to greater mysteries of appreciation as your emotional vision is enhanced manyfold.

In the seventh position: In the near future the mind will be focused on this king or his lessons. Your mind is coming to accept the role of spiritual leadership that lies in its path.

In the eighth position: This king is already in your house of physical/material affairs. Things may be glowing with his presence. Sometimes guardian angels can be very physical.

In the ninth position: The King of Wands fills your heart. It may be his person that attracts and occupies you or his lessons may be part of a creative project on your drawing board.

In the tenth position: It is time for you to pick up the wand. You must trust yourself eventually, why not now? This is your next lesson, none other.

King of Wands (R)

You find yourself frustrated over your lack of achievement which has resulted from your excessive changeability. You are using psychological armor and defenses - afraid to reveal your true self and your real feelings. Take your time in any upcoming agreement before making your final decision. Prepare your mind for change - your lifestyle can be altered now, as changes occur that may turn the tide of affairs. You will experience a strong focus and directional clarity. You have become disturbed by a situation which has had a bad influence on you - your qualities have been altered as your natural energy has encountered obstacles and defeats. You have not lost your force - these experiences have helped you become tempered and more understanding of others.

You can now easily recognize the people who are inclined to be intolerant and strict in their manner - the people who could be opposing you. Remain receptive to indications of a disagreement or dispute and be the first to withdraw. Acknowledge when you are feeling uneasy and be sure that all the facts are correct. Accept that you need never allow anyone to be overly aggressive with you. You may now face the dynamic part of your *"inner"* assertive nature - allow yourself to *"feel"* your determination and apply your inspired vision without holding back in any way.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you expressing your sense of self?
2. How are you using your decision-making and leadership abilities?
3. Who is controlling the situation?
4. Who do you admire for their sense of self?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Though you are versed with the words, willing in the heart and capable in the body, it will take all of these and more to keep the caravan on the right road.

In the second position: At one extreme, this suggests that your past safety nets are not as strong for you at this time. At the other extreme, there may be too much support that you have relied on too heavily for your own independent development.

In the third position: Of course you need to heed the messages of this king for your own benefit, but there are others who depend on you for your spiritual knowledge.

In the fourth position: Distorted, this otherwise healthy person may become a block instead of a blueprint/foundation for love and creativity. Extremes - the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to compete or the figure is loathed and by extension determines that all men or all of a certain type of men are not to be loved or trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this king or he about you. A subversion of the spiritual dogma or message is possible.

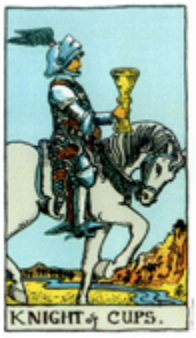
In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life, this may be a test of that relationship. This may represent a disappointment at the formal structure or presentation of a spiritual way.

In the seventh position: If this is already someone in your life, this may show a turn of mind between you.

In the eighth position: As good and wonderful for others as this person may be, he seems to be adversely affecting your day to day reality. There are mismatches of all kinds on all levels.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this king, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person. Spiritual betrayal by one's teacher/mentor can appear here.

In the tenth position: Consider carefully accepting this mantle of spiritual leadership for your fellow travelers need you especially at this time.



Knight of Cups

Represents the passionate heart - mastery of the emotional desires which bring out the *"lover"* in all of us through the expressions and experience of deeply emotional passions. Relationships with Karmic ties. You may be offered an interesting invitation, which will result in an emotional experience that will bring high energy and lift you to an exhilarating state as new situations seem to come from nowhere. Your decisions will be made without much thought and you will experience the feeling of *"inner"* direction - the experience of warmth, friendliness, love and the need to share these qualities with everyone. There will be good will and a partnership in which good feelings will prevail.

Direct your imagination into the world - true imagination feeds on "action." If you do nothing with your dreams - they will remain vague and unrelated to the rest of your life. Your imagination can lead you to an awareness of the underlying spiritual truth. Maintain your emotional equilibrium - make constant adjustments - flow with the direction being presented and retain your *"inner"* control. Take advantage of your emotional energies - be open and trust yourself. Explore your deep feelings and you will experience the ecstasy of living.

"Fantasy" - excites, but it lacks any real meaning as you deny your basic commitment to the world and your imagination produces nothing. *"Passiveness"* can be a means of denying the temptations and desires that are disturbing your peace. The *"lover"* who does not wish to commit to anything - who is attractive yet always remains passive and withdrawn. Follow a genuine vision, rather than being *"pulled"* by outside commitments, responsibility or desire - then you can go very deeply into yourself and turn your energy into an exploration of your own inner world.

Emotional, sensitive, creative, dedicated, motivated, sensual, tender - a loving person ruled by the drive for expansion. Close ties with family and friends - a defender of heart and honor. The heart of the group, a leader or volunteer. Art. Emotional change agent - nurturing, emotional learning and growth. The younger lover of an older partner or someone taken under the wing of an emotional advisor. Innocence maturing - a student of romance. Sacrificing for someone or something else.

Questions to Answer:

1. What dream, vision, ideal or love are you following?
2. Who is inviting you on a journey of emotional significance?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The allegiance of this knight will always be to the heart - there is great nobility and power in this ability of the human heart to love so deeply that it will offer all to its cause, even against insurmountable odds.

In the second position: In some cases this can be a young person on whom you must rely. Otherwise, this is your own creative energy and intimate contact with the people and things you love. You are one with your surroundings, sensitive to the most subtle of changes and have usually reacted before others have even been aware. This is the mark of a good fencer.

In the third position: Think well on this card for it is coming to you in one form or another. This is the extra manpower, the added energy, the new resources, the movement that you have needed. This increases your sensitivity to who and what is important and your ability to express your feelings.

In the fourth position: The ideal of the lover, either as yourself or for yourself.

In the fifth position: This knight has your attention, either in person or influence. New emotional factors, new input is anticipated to change the status quo. This can be a bright new idea in the subject matter related to the Emotional/creative Plane, a highly creative or sense oriented business. An emotional investment.

In the sixth position: The Knight of Cups may be arriving in person in the near future. The energy of this archetype is refreshing and meant to generate movement here, from personal love to creative projects.

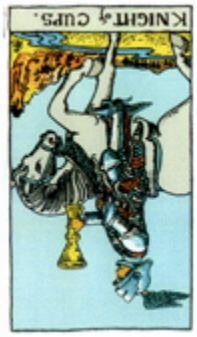
In the seventh position: Your mind may be on this knight in the near future. This may be the birth of a project whose energy and/or subject matter is rooted in the Emotional Plane. The emotions are at work to stimulate and support the mind. Poetry, romance novels, storybooks, childcare, couple and family counseling are just a few of the areas of interest.

In the eighth position: The knight is in your physical house. There is sensitivity here as your Material Plane takes on a delicacy and attention to the emotional ramifications to things physical. A new creative project may be emerging.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this knight. He/she may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative

project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to invigorate your Emotional/creative Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Knight of Cups. It may however, be the access to what he/she represents.



Knight of Cups (R)

Look before you leap - get the whole picture. Half truths can promote difficulties in any relationship. When you allow yourself to *"feel"* only what is pleasurable you may be denying your *"inner"* self and your reality. You have mastered your desires - take advantage of your emotional energies. Be willing now to simultaneously move forward and let go - move your relationships in new directions that are emotionally enlivening as important emotional issues are resolved.

You are experiencing a negative reaction to the increased demands of the world upon you. You are a passive person being pushed towards action or commitment and you do not like it. Without *"outwardly"* resisting - you still resent the demands being made of you. This attitude can result in a wall between yourself and the people who are making you act out your responsibilities and if you allow it to continue - it can result in manipulation, lies and tricks. You may be missing emotional opportunities. Creative block. Taking too much energy from the group or giving them too much.

Questions to Answer:

1. What dream, vision, ideal or love are you following?
2. Who is inviting you on a journey of emotional significance?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Here is a curious blend of the active and passive principle, for in loving you are passively surrendering yourself to that love and yet once committed, you are active in defending your love to the end if necessary. Here both passive and active are maximized giving it the power to create legends.

In the second position: If this is a person, they may not be backing you up at this time. Otherwise, you may be too involved with your objects of love and unable to move freely and quickly to meet new demands.

In the third position: You are the agent through which this knight can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: You can not get very far with the frozen concept of *"idealized"* love divorced from all the varied currents of life weaving through it, frequently against it - ironically, keeping it alive.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this knight or he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or the knight.

In the seventh position: The emotions here may be working against the mental program, ranging from the effect an emotional problem has on the efficiency of the mind, to a lack of enthusiasm for the mind's goals.

In the eighth position: There may be a temporary block in your material affairs stemming from the emotional. Also, physical matters may have adversely affected the Emotional/creative Plane.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this knight, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Knight of Pentacles

Set achievable goals - attain your goals and be inspired. Increase and progress - always build off of each achievement and utilize your resources. Recognize that taking responsibility for your actions brings out your practical qualities - but at the same time, it is a denial of your natural desire for adventure, which narrows and distorts your attitude toward life. In dedicating yourself to purely practical matters - you cut yourself off from the deeper meanings of life. You will soon begin to feel trapped as your sense of security *"seems"* threatened by these conflicting desires. You wish to build solid and abundant structures - yet, at the same time, you experience a great need to move on.

It is always difficult to make a decision when everything *"appears"* secure. Trust that hidden horizons will always be expanded and do not to resist when the higher consciousness motivates you to better things. You are the builder of new forms and have the ability to recreate structures. Your energy is thorough, takes the time to do a good job, is trustworthy and will not experiment outside its goal. You are dynamic, youthful, love activity and have empathy with those less fortunate. Come to know the source and meaning of your strength in life - prepare yourself to face the unknown. Do or teach what you have accomplished and use your knowledge for a more constructive purpose. Reward yourself with your successes, but never be satisfied - continue to build and grow - see the future.

Dependable, resourceful, can-doer. Watchful, good instincts, good physical leader, ruled by the drive for expansion. Good brother/sister loyalty. Protective, sense of duty, loyalty, service to leader, then to cause. Practical, physically active, athletic. Outdoor and nature activities - physical movement, physical change agent. Trade representative. The mental, expansive side of things physical. Physical training and craft apprenticeship, physical growth and physical additions. New resources - new capital. In romantic situations - someone younger than you.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who is stable and reliably there for you?
2. Who is committed to security and conventions?
3. How is it going at work or on a project?
4. What needs of your body or Mother Earth are you sensitive to?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: All knights serve a higher master in this world, independent of their spiritual learnings. As such your purpose will be seen in the context of an older person's or group's purpose.

In the second position: In some cases this can be a young person on whom you must rely. But for most, this will be your very own energy and resourcefulness that is your strongest asset. Someone working and putting themselves through school serves this archetype. Many carry this same energy and esprit de corps through their entire lifetime. You are on your way.

In the third position: Think well on this card for it is coming to you in one form or another. This is the extra manpower, the added energy, the new resources, the movement that you have needed. This increases your flexibility and your security.

In the fourth position: Any of the knights may represent the ideal of a strong hero on a horse that fills our storybooks, but this knight represents the hero who is not only warm and likeable, but comes complete with a bag of tricks and talents that can save us. It recalls the American Indian riding bareback or the cowboy/cowgirl who becomes one with his/her horse.

In the fifth position: You are focused on the new knight that will make your days brighter. Here you see the means to reinvigorated goals. This can even be a plan to invest.

In the sixth position: As the cards have been known to say, "*there is a tall, dark, handsome young man*" in your future. Your emotional affairs will be charged with new energy and the status quo will be history. Another interpretation has your heart excited about a new financial prospect, perhaps in support of a creative project.

In the seventh position: This can be thoughts about a young man or woman - a child, a friend or a lover - but in the Mental Plane rather than the heart, as in concern for their schooling or their finances. You may be considering a new health regimen or reviewing ways to get your finances moving.

In the eighth position: The knight is in your physical house. You may have accepted your son/daughter or another as a new member in your business. This is a sign of movement and so relocation of some sort may be afoot. With new investment comes change.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on the knight. He/she may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to invigorate your Physical/material Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Knight of Pentacles. It may however, be the access to what he/she represents.

Knight of Pentacles (R)

When money, work and other important matters seem to be at a standstill - you need encouragement. Recognize now that *"fear"* is the powerful force that is causing you to hold onto the secure - no matter how unpleasant your situation is. It is time for you to begin to release the people in your life who are irresponsible. Recognize that their impatient attitude affects their progress. People who are timid and make a lot of mistakes, have received some hard knocks in their lifetime and they may be seeking the security of love. Dissatisfied with everything and everyone, they are looking for a new start.

Your awareness will now awaken. Your mild personality has been taken to far, resulting in weakness and depression. You are repressing your desire for adventure and greater advancement and in so doing, the meaning has been taken away from your dedicated goals. Discouragement and depression have overcome you because you are identifying yourself with your functions. Focus on the magic - seek to discover the real source of your strength.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who is stable and reliably there for you?
2. Who is committed to security and conventions?
3. How is it going at work or on a project?
4. What needs of your body or Mother Earth are you sensitive to?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The main difficulty for knights comes during their youth, when they need to learn to serve themselves well, becoming strong and self-reliant before dedicating themselves to their cause.

In the second position: This suggests that the youthful posture here may be less than beneficial, perhaps even irresponsible.

In the third position: You are the agent through which this knight can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: This knight can deliver his/her gifts through you.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this knight or he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, you are going overboard with your emotions here. At another extreme, there is disappointment.

In the seventh position: Thoughts may have become concerns which have become fears.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, too much youth, inexperience, irresponsibility may mark your present situation. At another extreme, you may lack the youth, the energy, the investment that you need at this time.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this knight, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Knight of Swords

Brainstorm new thoughts without judgment or censorship. The inspired mind does not want to be limited, restricted or restrained in any way. A mind which has newly mastered creative - intuitive thinking has good intentions, but its attitude can be a little overbearing. Eagerness suggests innocence - one who has never lost a battle and still directs all energy outward - one who has yet to face the *"fear"* of being quietly alone with *"self"*. You can expect to feel the strength of this mind now - it will help considerably as you move through this difficult period. Someone favors you - they will defend you and promote good vibrations.

Focus all your energy on making your point - communicate your thoughts, philosophy and ideas. Speak out and tell people how you feel. Each new moment creates an opportunity to fulfill ever changing needs. Be assertive and courageous - your faith will overcome any fear through the energy of your emotions. Release yourself from this confining or suffocating situation. Express your emotions and allow the power of these emotions to release you as you rise to the emotional level of your situation. You may *"feel"* inner conflict - but your emotions are beneficial and will be clarified once you have severed yourself from this negative situation. Allow yourself to experience the *"true"* situation - there is support available. Formulate your idea into a workable solution, apply your thinking - test your idea out and measure its worth.

Mental, assertive, perfectionist, protective, philosophical, studious, alert, direct - a knowledgeable leader. Change agent for ideas and ideals - ruled by the drive for expansion. Missionary for ideologies and the mental work of religious expansion. Action-oriented, new methods, mental investment, investigative, law enforcing. Mental recreation, gambling/risk taking, curious, highly informed, cutting edge technology. The expansive side of things mental and represents formal education/training. Defender of ideologies, student of philosophy.

Questions to Answer:

1. Where are you charging and why so fast?
2. What point do you feel committed to make?
3. Who has been impatient and careless of your feelings?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Between being the defender of ideologies which already exist and being the change agent for new ideas and ideals, you promise to be a very busy person.

In the second position: In some cases this can be a young person on whom you must rely. Otherwise, this is your own mental energy and your ability to position yourself ideally in physical/material matters. This is the mark of a good tactician, a knowledgeable leader. You operate with the latest information and technology. Your factories will never be outdated any more than you will.

In the third position: Think well on this card for it is coming to you in one form or another. This is the extra manpower, the added energy, the new resources, the movement that you have needed. This increases your store of knowledge and your ability to retrieve and use it.

In the fourth position: As with the kings, this archetype can become distorted and block rather than foster love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to compete. At the other extreme, the figure is loathed and by extension either all youth or all of certain types of youth are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: This knight has your attention, either in person or influence. New mental factors, new input is anticipated to change the status quo. You may be asserting your position, making your thoughts known.

In the sixth position: The Knight of Swords may be arriving in person in the near future. Whether felt as a refreshing breeze or more like a hurricane, this is a positive wind breathing new life into your emotional/creative affairs. Openness and extroversion will prevail.

In the seventh position: There may be fear of new information, of what it may reveal in and of itself or of what it may do to your cherished picture of reality.

In the eighth position: The knight is in your physical house. You should be able to feel the winds of mental change. There may be calculated risks being undertaken. Anything not set in concrete may be moved and those things that are set in concrete may get left behind.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this knight. He/she may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative

project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to invigorate your Mental Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Knight of Swords. It may, however, be the access to what he/she represents.

Knight of Swords (R)

Continue to cut through the thoughts, attitudes and beliefs that are creating blocks to your movement and the expression of your creative - intuitive thinking. Allow the limitations and restrictions to be removed by releasing your desires to actively express your creative energy. See clearly the people you must steer clear of - recognize that they can upset your plans and create trouble. When you face those who are opposed to your thoughts or plans - it is not a good time to start a new project or change your lifestyle. Continue to be patient and wait a little longer before moving forward - trust that your patience will make you a winner and allow you to restructure your relationships so that they move in new directions that are unlimited and less restrained. Allow your weakness to overtake you and you will become careless and excessive - you will experience a mistaken response to a situation which calls for a quieter more careful approach. If you do not apply them, great ideas will only spin around in your mind and never manifest into your reality.

Questions to Answer:

1. Where are you charging and why so fast?
2. What point do you feel committed to make?
3. Who has been impatient and careless of your feelings?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The knights are born to service but you will be needed to pick up where many others have left off.

In the second position: If this is a person, they may not be backing you up at this time. At one extreme, you may be overdoing it at having the latest and greatest, throwing much of the baby out with the bath water.

In the third position: You are the agent through which this knight can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: As with the kings, this archetype can become distorted and block rather than foster love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to complete. At the other extreme, the figure is loathed and by extension either all youth or all of certain types of youth are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this knight or he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or the knight.

In the seventh position: There may be fear of new information, of what it may reveal in and of itself or of what it may do to your cherished picture of reality.

In the eighth position: There may be a temporary block in your material affairs stemming from the mental. Also, physical matters may have adversely affected the Mental Plane.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this knight but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Knight of Wands

The dynamic mastery of unlimited creative expression totally inspired from within - freed to powerfully express itself. You are capable of doing anything - never limit yourself. Be versatile and adaptable - strive for greater mastery over your mind, heart and body.

Expect someone to present thoughts or ideas which will be advantageous to you - inspiring your creativity and taking you in new directions. This is the start or finish of an important situation which may require a possible change of residence. You will feel compelled to make sudden decisions related to the important aspects of your living and working conditions - to move in new directions, to create a new beginning or venture into new fields. Thoughts are now stirring. You have the power to influence and transform, to heal - liberate your spirit. As a channel for the great spirit, you become enlightened and an enlightener - transcend your personal ego.

Eagerness, action, movement, adventure and travel need a grounding influence. Allied with a sense of purpose and aided by the influence of planning - you can provide the energy and self - confidence necessary for great achievements. Focus your mind now - concentrate, pay attention to the details if you wish to manifest your desires. The trials and difficulties will demand vigorous attention - conflict can arise if your plans are not made carefully. Your mind is positive and alert now, use it constructively.

Intuitive, spiritual, vibrant, fiery, introspective, humorous - a defender of ideologies. Change agent for beliefs. Benevolent, dedicated - a natural leader. Student of religion, enlightenment and intellectual growth. New world views coupled with intuitive action - a disciple.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you growing and developing? How are you taking risks?
2. Who is radiating creative or sexual energy in your life?
3. Who enthusiastically wants to get going on something?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is a young soul for your group, but your group is of the elders. You must balance your role as defender of the faith with that of change agent for belief. As a student who must work to support his studies, you must be on call to fight the worthy battle, but never neglecting your responsibility to push that very same faith you defend to higher and higher ground with the power/knowledge of spiritual truths essential to salvation.

In the second position: In some cases this can be a young person on whom you must rely. Otherwise, this is your own spiritual energy and your ability to position yourself well in spiritual matters. You seem to be doing the right things for the right reasons. Your material world is not cluttered with things that do not belong.

In the third position: Think well on this card for it is coming to you in one form or another. This is the extra manpower, the added energy, the new resources, the movement that you have needed. This increases your spiritual knowledge and your ability to retrieve and use it.

In the fourth position: Any of the knights may represent the ideal of a strong hero on a horse that fills our storybooks, but this knight represents the hero who can save our souls, the spiritual warrior who will storm into the temple and turn over the money tables, the believer who will allow herself to be eaten by lions in the arena for Caesar's pleasure rather than deny her God.

In the fifth position: This knight has your attention, either in person or influence. Your mind is moving into new territory where it must catalog its discoveries for even further study. Your mind is well aware of your spiritual position and prepared to stand its ground.

In the sixth position: The Knight of Wands may be arriving in person in the near future. There is a change in the emotional content of your beliefs, a deepening and an even greater involvement.

In the seventh position: Your mind will be on this knight in the near future. This may be the birth of a spiritual project. New spiritual knowledge is to be acquired.

In the eighth position: This knight is in your physical house. You are well-protected, centered as you are in your world, your very correct and appropriate world. But with the fort so well fortified, you may well consider another foray into the unknown.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this knight. He may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to invigorate your Mental Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Knight of Wands. It may, however, be the access to what he/she represents.

Knight of Wands (R)

You are feeling restricted, insecure and afraid to reveal your true self - your *"real"* feelings. Confused over your self - identity. Acknowledge your indecision and this lack of energy. Try something new. Stop allowing the opposition to confuse you - this only creates disharmony and disruption. When you experience frustration and indecision - follow your conscience and act accordingly. Allow yourself to experience the unlimited, inspired creativity that wants to be expressed and allow it to flow freely.

A distortion - either to a greater or lesser degree, with the derivative problems. Obvious brilliance unfilled. Confusion. Possible philosophical/spiritual overload. A fundamental developmental block.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you growing and developing?
2. How are you taking risks?
3. Who is radiating creative or sexual energy in your life?
4. Who enthusiastically wants to get going on something?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The call to defend may be heavy, but be confident your studies will not be sacrificed with this path.

In the second position: If this is a person, they may not be backing you up at this time. At one extreme, you might be overzealous and missing the true inner mark while creating a great deal of smoke with your ritual observances.

In the third position: You are the agent through which this knight can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: As with the kings, this archetype can become distorted and block rather than foster love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and real life will find it hard to compete. At the other extreme, the figure is loathed and by extension either all youth or all of a certain types of youth are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this knight and he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or the knight.

In the seventh position: There may be fear of new revelations and what they might do to disturb your comfort with your present beliefs.

In the eighth position: If this is a person in your environment, he/she may be throwing your affairs off center.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this knight but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

The Lovers

The vow of *"love"* is the *"fruit"* of obedience and poverty. You have been offered two paths - it is time for your choice. Resist the temptation to change - stick to your resolutions and make firm decisions. "*Is this situation what you really want?*" Control your emotions, seek spiritual values and select your path with care. Seek the union of your material self-conscious (feeling) and your spiritual sub-conscious (reason). Discern the differences between the two, separate the true from the false. Union of the two suggests a rewarding relationship of SELF - the potential of a good marriage. To free yourself from the *"illusion"* of "*me living - you shadow*" requires that you extend the love you have for yourself to others, then you will arrive at the realization of "*me living - you living*". Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Find your inner lover, your inner "*soul mate*" and you will find yourself and your "*earth mate*".

Your true destiny is to represent the highest aspect of *"Self"* - to seek and find a balance of intelligence and sensation. Analyzing what you see and hear on the outside to come up with the truth is virtually impossible - it is your *"inner"* instruction which fills in the gaps. Do not resist those to whom you are attracted - seek that which represents balance, beauty, responsibility, unity and harmony. Love spreads - it fills all who are encompassed within its boundaries. You have analytical ability and a keen perception - you will come to an honest, fair decision.

Your choice is between your two separate desires. Your desire for materialism and your desire for spiritual development. Materialism is the outer path which is laid out for you. Spiritual development is the *"inner"* path which leads you to a confrontation with your hidden desires in order to break free of worldly influences and strike out on your own. Allow your true personality to emerge, with its own ideas and purposes - able to make important decisions based on your own assessment of desires and responsibilities. This will result in freedom from inhibitions, guilt, conditioning and bondage. LOVE can exist only in the absence of restrictions. You can seek, you can ask, you can knock at the door - but you can not open the door by force. You are required to wait patiently for it to be opened. Through prayer and meditation you open yourself to *"grace"* and you receive it. This knowledge does not happen automatically, it is revealed when the door is open. Dare to ask, have the will to seek, remain silent and listen long enough to know when the door has been opened to you.

Your relationships mirror your own inner sense of worth. How you feel about yourself can be seen in how your partner relates to you. Your sexual drive leads you away from isolation and pushes you to form vital relationships with other people and finally - opens the door to love. Wholeness is love, which is the non - judgmental acceptance and embrace of the material and the spiritual. It is through love that you achieve unity with someone else - you come to know a greater meaning and deeper significance to life as you give up the part of your *"ego"* which controls and isolates you from people and from life itself. The male is ruled by reasoning, the female is ruled by desire - a balance between the two brings out the divine spark and unites you with your conscious Self. Balance unites reason with passion and gives conscious energy form, direction and meaning. The love of a specific person is necessary in your life now, for it will lead you to a new understanding of life. Allow yourself to engage in emotional intimacy.

An important emotional growth step to the desire for and acceptance of an extension of yourself. The birth of duality in the heart as the self discovers the other. Emersion out of the self, immersion in the other. It teaches you emotional partnering, how to share the basic components of human activity with one other person in particular. You voluntarily alter your course of needs and wants to accommodate those of another. Without passion and sexual drives to spur you, you might never make this "compromise," but it is the first major lesson to the ego of the necessity to go beyond the separate, physical self.

Here are the choices, the trials, the decisions created by desire. This emotional partnering may in some cases not be with another person, in which case that other something (possibly a place, a thing or even a personal talent of yours) must be thought of as a surrogate for what would otherwise be a lover or mate. As long as the lessons to be learned at this stage are in fact being addressed and learned, this presents no problem, but if there is no partnering and no surrogate and no lessons being learned, watch out! The evolution of society from the belief systems which are handed to us by our elders, into the thrusts of desire which sends us on our individual quest. Hence, it takes the birth of duality in love to make us assert our individuality.

Questions to Answer:

1. What significant relationship are you involved in?
2. How does this relationship mirror your own sense of self-worth?
3. What choice or decision do you need to make?
4. What responsibility will you have to take based on your decision?
5. What needs to be combined, synthesized or brought together?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: A life that will be dedicated to the discovery and expression of love, the play of divine energy in the worldly sphere. Raw motivation, the stuff that pushes all of us through the hoops with enough height and speed not to be burned by the ring of fire.

In the second position: The energy and verve with which you do things has given you great prowess. You are sexy, romance and creativity figure prominently in your overall scheme of things. Your work itself may deal with this archetype.

In the third position: Heads up for love. Pay attention to all the signs - there will be plenty. Honor your creative talents for now is the time to extrovert your feelings, sharing with others who may need your inspiration and prodding to free their feelings.

In the fourth position: The ideal of love. You have a classic, fairy tale view of the successful love story - the princess and the white knight - as the base for your emotional program. You may have had a true love at a very tender age that stays with you as a feeling to be recaptured or in those rare cases held onto.

In the fifth position: Love, relationships, creativity - such is the nature of your mind's activity at the moment. You are planning around your heart's desire, for here are the types of thoughts we have when we are in love.

In the sixth position: Love - an important relationship, acceptance of creative inspiration, is intensifying, demanding greater definition and expression. The external must be integrated into the heart. That which is integrated must be externalized and shared.

In the seventh position: In the near future you may face the challenge of integrating a relationship, a new and unexpected passion, into your life game plan.

In the eighth position: Here love, the birth of duality in love, is doing its magic of pulling the self out of its shell by having it come to need another as much as it needs itself. The self is growing to include this other in its idea of what it must be in order to continue its physical existence. Marriage.

In the ninth position: When we say we are in love, this is the feeling we are trying to express. This is the personal passion and pleasure felt in the depth of the heart.

In the tenth position: You should not have to ask anyone about this when it happens. The phrase "love of your life" will come to pass your lips. In odds position the suggestion is that it may come as quite a surprise as in "across a dark and crowded room" or "love at first sight."

The Lovers (R)

Face your conflicting beliefs - use your "*free will*" to examine and choose what beliefs you will accept. You achieve your sense of self worth from others or you recognize your responsibility to choose your personal reality as you desire it. Allow your inner, intuitive mind to guide you so that your ego can form and begin to function in the world. You cannot upset the natural drives within yourself - they are forces which must be recognized for what they are and dealt with the best you can. You can not evade, avoid or deny the way you are made. Your actions are causing others to feel unstable - seek a balanced expression of both the material and spiritual - combine your reason and imagination. When in a proper relationship - the total effect is called *"grace"*. There is a descent from your Higher Self that completely engulfs your personality in a blissful feeling - you can tell you are experiencing *"bliss"* when little things move your *"spirit"*.

Your romantic immaturity and childish fantasies have involved you in a relationship which has become destructive. It is dominated by romantic or sexual addictions and this is creating difficulties for you in relating to other people. Indecision is not your friend. Seek that which represents the gifts of the spirit - apply to the *"inner"* principle and you will always get a true intuition for an answer. When you arrive at a higher level, there is never any need for display - truly generous people have no awareness of it - what they do is perfectly natural for them. Your Higher Self is always working and will eventually overcome any obstacles, as the complexities of a love affair resolve into a reciprocal working relationship of a permanent quality, flowing back and forth.

Society and the group may dominate the individual. Female who looks for her hero-mate and the male becomes an intruder or is considered evil itself. Male who looks for his heroine as his source of security and she is reduced to a toy, an object, an obstacle or burden rather than a source of energy. Marriage of convenience

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Much of your energy will go to helping others find their energy and the motivation to use it.

In the second position: You may be burning the candle at both ends - an easy way to get burned.

In the third position: Rare it is that we are told to let a love go, but such may be the case now. This may be a period where introspection and self-love is called for. To the artist, this means back to the studio rather than the gallery.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, this tape is so ideal as to be deliberately, if subconsciously, unattainable. At the other extreme, you may have the non-ideal, the impossibility of true love or an actual distaste for intimacy and pairing as your tapes. This latter is serious, as it blocks all growth, emotional and spiritual and must be surmounted sooner or later, with less or more pain.

In the fifth position: This is where the word preoccupied comes into good use. The mind needs more than this one track. At another extreme, these thoughts are against this archetype.

In the sixth position: Too much or too little - both can cause disappointment and sadness with the sense of loss, as a piece of self missing. Accept this twist on an old parable: like the shepherd who leaves his entire flock to find the one lost sheep, the heart may neglect what is at hand to search for what is lost.

In the seventh position: At one extreme, here comes true temptation - the impact of a full and throbbing heart on the rational business of mind. The advice here is to temper your emotions if you can find the wherewithal. At the other extreme, your libido is too low and you may be ignoring something that very much deserves your attention. Remember that this can be your own gifted talents.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, the process will subvert itself in progress by trying to possess or even consume the very other it has come to "love." Could indicate separation/divorce.

In the ninth position: Here may be the pain of intense love felt, not lost. At the other extreme, is the agony of unrequited or lost

love.

In the tenth position: You may be the very instrument agent in someone else's magic moment. In an extreme, this can be the amicable ending by grace of a relationship that has completed its course - "and they parted friends."

The Magician

Everything is possible through the power of God. When God is involved - everything changes. The application of His Will and the courage to have faith is Your formula for success. You are well blessed and your fervent attitude will bring about what you need. You are going in the right direction - make your decisions with confidence. Fix your attention on making your dreams come true and through sheer will, using your body as a channel - allow the divine life force to flow through you into the material world so that your goal can become a reality. Your tools are your spirit - the light which illuminates, your body - healing, wealth and success, your mind - brilliant, sharp and creative and your soul - healing and beautifying. Combined they represent the creative power which transforms any obstacle into creative expression and clear communication. Be strong now - be independent and exercise your will to direct your future course.

You have the ability to communicate equally well in both oral and written communication. You know the appropriate tools that will best serve any particular situation, for you are always prompted by your *"inner"* Self. Allow yourself to experience the rapport of your personal effort - united with the spiritual force and brought into reality through conscious action and creation. It is time for you to manifest something real out of the possibilities in your life. Open yourself up to the spirit within you and release it - turn the energy into reality by experiencing yourself as a passive channel for the spiritual forces to work through, so they can reveal that which is necessary to know in the school of spiritual exercises and you will derive something beneficial from it. Learn concentration without effort - transform your work into play. Make every yoke that you have accepted easy and every burden you carry light.

Ground your life force into something real - *"create"* - produce something valuable outside yourself. Use your gifts of insight to help others find their talents, turn their situations around and bring out their greatest potentials. Be a morale booster, a supporter - make the *"impossible"* - "do-able"! Releasing your creative energy opens you to receiving a constant flow. Seek to become a proper channel, so you can serve your community. The essence of power is the ability to "*make it happen*". Remain open now - allow your *"ego"* to dissolve into the spirit, so that you can direct the energy that flows through you. Become aware of the power in your life - the excitement that possesses you - allow your inspirations to become a reality. Let the excitement sustain you as you work to reach your goal, focus all your energy on directing your will towards this goal. KNOW what you want and direct your energy towards manifesting it. *"Act"* - don't just react to the situations life is presenting you. Direct your strength to the places you want to go. Follow your own time and you will know the appropriate moment to communicate your inspirations.

Concentrate - quietly and unceasingly direct the greatest force upon the smallest point, for this is the practical key to all success in every area of your life. Concentration is only possible in a condition of calm and silence - at the expense of thought and imagination. Master the art of being silent - the art of true concentration - which is a free act in light and in peace. You can not concentrate if your *"will"* is infatuated with something else - reduce the "mental substance" to silence and to rest, so that it no longer hinders your concentration and there is nothing to suppress it and contemplation will become as natural as breathing - perfect calm, complete relaxation of the nerves and muscles of the body - silence of your desires and your preoccupation with imagination, memory and thought. Once silence is established in the soul - it continues when you are active, when you work or when you converse and you can draw from it both for rest and for work, producing not only concentration without effort, but activity without effort.

Transform the *"work"* which you consider *"duty"* into PLAY. Once you have found silence in solitude, you are never alone - you never bear the weight that you have to carry alone - for the forces from heaven take part and the yoke that you have accepted becomes easy and every burden light. Concentration without effort - operating with ease as if you are playing and acting with perfect calm is the first and foremost counsel in all spiritual practice. Enter the kingdom as a child - a child does not *"work"* - a child plays - yet, his attention is complete and undivided. Seek to attain harmony and equilibrium between the spontaneity of your unconscious and the deliberate action of your conscious, which produces creative spontaneity and deliberately executed activity. When you see the beauty of that which you recognize as true - you cannot fail to love it and in loving it - the element of constraint or *"duty"* suddenly disappears. Duty becomes a delight as work is transformed into *"play"* and concentration without effort becomes possible.

Beginning of beginnings - the evolution of consciousness. The beginning of the Physical Plane aspects of the personality. Here as life begins, all things are possible - one can make the future. This is the one before the birth of duality, representing both masculine and feminine energy behind all things, God incarnate. Spiritual Teacher, Master, Guide - centered awareness. A good listener as well as communicator, interpreter. The link between life incarnate and life in death (outer and inner life). The Magician is The Fool reborn in this life.

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2. Are your objectives clear?
3. What skills and abilities are needed in this situation?
4. How are you communicating with others?
5. What do you want others to believe or see?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Spiritual teacher. Gift of prophecy. Spiritual identification with the Father energy of the divine. Ability as well as responsibility to perform proper magic. Here is Hermes having to help the Above be as Below, and the Below be as Above.

In the second position: Confidence in work, health. Excellent support systems over broad base. Flexibility. Prepared. Superb foundation.

In the third position: Faith is strong, a healthy balance of your willpower and that of the divine. A good combination of active and passive. You have reached the plateau of understanding wherein knowledge is balanced with responsibility.

In the fourth position: Confidence in love, relationships, in your ability to create. Enamored of the prophet, moral leader, shaman, weaver of dreams.

In the fifth position: Positive, Energetic. Forceful. Full of original ideas and determination. Overview of situation. Acceptance of your role and responsibility. Application of gifts.

In the sixth position: Impact of more and more knowledge/capability on personal and public fife. Your abilities are pushing you upward and outward, changing your relationships, deepening your creativity. Acceptance of responsibility.

In the seventh position: Integration of your strength and capacity to engineer change is appropriate. Accept that you are exceptional and plan to use all your gifts to the minimum, and with humility.

In the eighth position: Good circumstances. Well-positioned. In control. Strong, capable body.

In the ninth position: Healthy, vibrant relationships. Good sex life. Abundant energy and creativity. In love with life. Happy with yourself -and others. Enjoyment of your abilities.

In the tenth position: Intervention by or influence of a major personality. Realization of your inner magician. Acceptance of your physical gifts and their desire to be used to the maximum.

The Magician (R)

Your conscious mind is your sense of self - your individuality and you are capable of intense focus here. Make clear statements of intent - always in the present, looking into both the exterior and the interior worlds to assess the *"facts"* of daily living. Your conscious mind initiates, gives orders and stimulates a responses - it brings spirit into matter and vice versa. Truth always comes through goodness. Stop hesitating and confront your problems - stop limiting yourself. When you are not applying yourself in the right way, holding yourself back or fearing failure - you can not achieve anything. Be receptive to guidance, change your attitude and trust that your *"true"* hearts desire is always beneficial to others.

Come to know yourself - then BE yourself. When you lack will power and can not seem to cope with the obstacles, you become too busy trying to find the easy way out and this makes you vulnerable to undercurrents and possible deceit, you will not be aware when someone is not telling the whole story. The proper flow of energy becomes blocked and your purpose becomes confused - which leads you to doing nothing. The power is still there - you simply can not use it productively. Depression, mental disquiet and fear create problems - energy or spirit enters and you do not know how to direct it into outer reality. Ground the energy or it will become trapped in your body, forcing itself on your awareness as anxiety and you will experience "burn - out". Channel your experiences in a productive direction - learn to understand, structure and direct your experiences towards the service of the community. Look deeper into your situation - go deep within yourself and use the divine power that is available to you.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Same as upright but to more or less extent.

In the second position: Overconfident or needlessly pessimistic about physical conditions. Misuse of resources. Building on wrong or inadequate foundation.

In the third position: Either too reliant on yourself being much too active, or waiting for God to take care of everything being much too passive. Problems with knowledge/responsibility. Must learn this before more progress is possible.

In the fourth position: Too much confidence, or too little. Tendency to worship an idol, to create a superior or false image in one's heart.

In the fifth position: Difficulty applying personal dynamism to life situation. May seem like forcing a round peg into a square hole. May not be fully accepting your role or potential. Abusing your role?

In the sixth position: Your potential is overriding all other aspects, some unnecessarily. Give more of your present a chance to move with you into the future. You may not be opening honestly to the call, fearing the changes it all bring.

In the seventh position: Perhaps you fear yourself, what you may do with your knowledge. Or, perhaps you do not have enough respect for your position and your power to affect others and may be planning selfishly.

In the eighth position: Things so good-where to from here? Manipulation, abuse of situation. Not taking full advantage of moment. Not rising to full potential.

In the ninth position: May get somewhat lost in yourself and the ambiance of your situation. Don't try to freeze the moment. Keep an eye on of the source of your pleasure.

In the tenth position: This may be traumatic, or easily integrated - it's up to you.

The Moon

Aim to evoke a conscious desire to go further than intelligence - the understanding of that which is and decide to make a *"leap"* into pure and simply creativity. Intuition of faith - participation in the becoming of what is to be. Bring inner ecstasy back into your consciousness. Allow your intuitive powers to guide you - the change has come, even though it does not show. Make notes of your dreams and intuitive feelings - be more independent now and trust your own feelings. Build your own security - clear the air and let others know where you stand. Without faith you can easily succumb to failure because there is nothing to support your goals and ideals in life. Spontaneous knowledge is the marriage of your intelligence and your wisdom, united by *"grace"* - the knowledge of God. It is the vow of *"poverty"* made by your intelligence to reduce itself to silence in order to listen - it is your vow of *"love"*.

Your unconscious, instead of shocking your intelligence - allies itself with it. In the beginning, your unconscious and your intelligence have so little in common that communication is entirely through *"dreams"* - the state of consciousness where intelligence remains passive. This communication is extended to the waking state and finally, no longer unconscious - your intelligence and wisdom unite in the conscious state of *"intuition"*. Organization and sleep are the keys. During sleep - waste is eliminated and your hopes and wishes are built.

There is great activity and intense emotion now - your subconscious is actively creating sensitivity - be alert to any possible deception. Never use your powers negatively - go deep within and seek peace. Your dream landscape is formed by your emotions - use this unconscious state for your conscious purpose - it is an efficient, natural therapy in which your physical body-building takes place. Here you work out your own destiny, by exploring probable actions - which become false when not actualized. Move through the distortions and fears into the light of truth. Be changeable, allow yourself to *"flow"* with the different phases of life.

Your *"conscience"* is the direct communication between your intelligence and higher wisdom. Conscience manifests as a *"warning"* - expressing disapproval of an action before it is executed and remorse for an action already committed. Conscience also manifests itself as an *"impulse"* - recommending an action before it is executed and producing serene joy after execution. Conscience is the door to an *"inner"* world far more profound than the world you perceive with your senses - it is the decision of your intelligence to become a servant of your conscience.

Complete *"silence"* of your intelligence, imagination and will can not be accomplished by your human will - it is accomplished only through Divine presence. It is the mutual love between the soul and God. "Knowing better" is the state of consciousness which is present once you have reviewed all your total efforts and the results obtained from those efforts.

Recognize now that you are only playing around on the surface of things - behind the surface is a tremendous organization that is very much alive and *"active"* and you are allowed to participate in your dreams and meditations. What you wish to be is your responsibility - an artist must concentrate. You must decide what it is you want to be and then your meditation will help you discover what is and what is not true about yourself, for it puts you in touch with your Innermost Self - which is your guide. Your imagination - once accepted, enriches your life and allows a calming peace to emerge. Look deeply into yourself - your imagination can distort - it is a reflection of your *"inner"* experience into the outer world. Remember your dreams and you will KNOW your past which will assist you in understanding your present. Once you have mastered something, you no longer *"think"* about it, you just respond automatically. Is something from the past - something you have forgotten - still effecting your current situation and causing you to respond with actions that are inappropriate?

You can not explain *"art"* by examining the material used to create it. You will soon learn to laugh again - because the difference between your limited *"ego"* self and your *"true"* Self is so ridiculous. Once you have traveled the path and obtained wisdom and understanding - you will know precisely what to do with yourself and you will proceed to do it. If you are brave enough to hang on to your dream for yourself - it will manifest as your subconscious makes the necessary physical changes during your *"sleep"* state - while your waking mind is out of the way. Become neutral - flow with what pulls you - give your inner, secret goal some attention every single day and your mind will respond as you continue to repeat your desires for happiness and joy.

Grown up emotions, capable of intelligent love and compassion as the self begins to merge with the other. Passions that are intricately and harmoniously woven into the overall fabric of the lifestyle and life's purpose. Floodgates to work in concert with the ebb and flow of the Moon's attractiveness. Your mature emotions help equip you for the journey of your expanded sense of Self, the Self that has begun to feel as one with its environment and nature, the Self that will feel the larger joys and larger pains brought to it by its larger heart. This can indicate a sense of emotional mission. A dedicated humanitarian. Altruism. The Moon

is the cool, silver, reflective mirror of the Sun. It gives us the ability to see ourselves and our effect on the selves of others. Here are the inner goals to match the outer goals shown by the Star. The person who has deep compassion is not going to be bothered whether he tells a lie or the truth. All Buddhist have lied - they have to because they are so compassionate. The whole truth will be too much.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do your fears represent to you?
2. What have you forgotten?
3. What do you instinctively want to do?
4. What kind of cycle or pattern are you repeating?
5. Are your actions appropriate to this particular situation or are you responding to some past situation?
6. What is bewildering or confusing you? What is real and what is illusion?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is a lifetime for love, for hands-on sensory experience of people and the environment, of animals and nature. You are interested in virtually everything in one way or another. But this is a blending of passion within compassion. The motivation here is one of deep caring.

In the second position: Yours is a highly creative, sensitive lifestyle. You are living your principles and there is a natural flow and ease in your environment which is a healthy extension of your personality. When you come home, you can relax and refuel.

In the third position: Paying attention to others and their needs, acting out of love, should be part of daily life. Do not wait to be moved; move yourself. When you give, give wisely and within your means. To give more, work to increase your means.

In the fourth position: Here is a love of love, a very mature emotion at such an early age. It is the spark of innocent, open - hearted longing for the world at large that grows into universal love in the mature heart. Many feel something like this when they are young only to lose it and have to rediscover it again. Your spark has grown into the full flame that burns in your heart to this day.

In the fifth position: Your mind is occupied with the heavy work of your heart; it is so full of love and compassion. The wheels are turning for ways to use the energy generated by the rapid flow of blood through your veins. Passion harnessed to compassion is the stuff of creative genius that benefits all of mankind.

In the sixth position: Here comes the test of integrating the deeper, the higher emotions into your existing relationships and creative work. This is not the same stuff you have known so far. This is a softer and sweeter candy than you have ever tasted. And it is harder and more bitter. Your soul is heeding the call of more and more members of your group.

In the seventh position: Here is the mental test of maintaining a steady pace on a sure footed path as your heart increases its emotional commitments.

In the eighth position: The thoughts of the mind and the feelings of the heart are combined in the immediacy of your surroundings. The physical reality of the power of higher emotions is yours for the having. This is ultra sensitivity.

In the ninth position: The heart has discovered how to combine compassion and passion, how to offer life's blood to save others without sacrificing self. In such moments as this when the transfusion of give and take is simultaneous, something new is brought to life. This is the miracle of creativity.

In the tenth position: Look at the next full moon and do exactly as it tells you. This is a time for letting go. Without thinking whether your actions are for yourself or for someone else, just act and react as events unfold, without premeditation, but with honesty. The magic of the moon will weave passion and compassion into one continuous silver thread of reward.

The Moon (R)

Deception and illusions - emotional instability are blocking your clear vision. Take no risks now - there is the possibility of misunderstanding. Make no changes - be patient and trust that things will clear up if you wait. Do not waste your energies on arguments or disagreements - hold on to your point of view and be willing to see things as they really are. Control your emotions and the situation will right itself in your favor. Stop fearing the "non-rational" and settling for a life of stagnation and sterility - allow yourself to experience your fears and they will turn to wonders as the gateway opens to new adventures. Allow your unconscious to become conscious - stop fighting it - it will not be denied.

The pitfall of over-identifying with humanity's suffering. It can indicate incomplete or inadequate accommodation of elements of the subconscious, such as the shadow personality alluded to in the description of the Devil. Lack of awareness of emotions - you may feel a need for outside intervention.

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7. What is real and what is illusion?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will depend on others even as they depend on you. Your heart will lead the way and many will follow.

In the second position: You may have been too involved with too many and too much, burning the candle at both ends.

In the third position: Love yourself before you attempt to love others. It will save you much time. When others give to you to fulfill your need, take wisely and only from within the means of your benefactor.

In the fourth position: Universal love cannot replace personal love. Each is needed to enhance the other. At another extreme, there is personal passion here without the balance of the universal and it can be a detached and limiting love/sex.

In the fifth position: The mind may be preoccupied with the heat of the moment more than the heart.

In the sixth position: You must be sure that you understand the similarities as well as the differences between compassion and passion. The heart must keep pure its motivations.

In the seventh position: The emotional goal and mental goal will eventually overlap completely, but for now you must guard against too much of the lower ego affecting the purity of balance between give and take.

In the eighth position: This is too sensitive, maybe too sweet, maybe too sour, but whichever, you should do what you can, if you can, to temper the situation.

In the ninth position: One can get lost temporarily in the power of exchange that is love and creativity.

In the tenth position: This process may be more for another than for yourself, but you are still a key player.

Nine of Cups

Expansive happiness of the body, mind and spirit - fulfillment, emotional satisfaction. You have learned to compromise, to release your worry and problems by concentrating on simple ordinary pleasures. Manifest your potential - you can now create your own reality with the gift of your creative imagination. You have successfully faced all the terrors on your path home and your wish can now come true. Enjoy the deep and quiet inner contentment that comes with attaining your goals.

There will be much happiness - your future is assured and material gains are now possible. You will experience good health and a sense of well-being. Life will seem easier as your worries disappear and new plans materialize. You have learned to come and go from your unconscious with ease, to work with your dreams and intuitive techniques and you can now visualize what you desire with such clarity that it comes into being. You have the resources and the knowledge to nurture others along the same path you have traveled, for you now recognize that nothing serves you better than a simple good time. Let your contribution fulfill you - *"feel"* the spirit of life as you create with your talents and manifest your magic.

The impact of the higher mind on the Emotional Plane. With the resulting increase in emotional and creative awareness there is great comfort and joy with yourself and life in general. You have good emotional support systems in place, giving you emotional security and restorative power. Abundance of energy. Desires are being fulfilled. You are deeply compassionate and creative as you are in touch, in tune. An artistic or poetic lifestyle of the highest order. Interest and work in the arts, theater or music. Sensitivity, a dramatic personality. You may wear your heart on your sleeve. Benevolent power. Restorative power.

Questions to Answer:

1. How have your wishes been fulfilled?
2. What pleasures are being experienced?
3. What do you feel smug about?
4. What do you want to manifest in your life?
5. Can you visualize it in detail?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You are meant to enjoy life with the wide range of sensitivities you have been blessed with. Yours is the art of living. Your learning is hands on, experiential and your teaching is by example and the content of your creative projects.

In the second position: The depth of your creative resources are with you wherever you go and nothing can take them away from you. These talents can be applied in a wide range of pragmatic application as necessary so you are secure in any set of circumstances.

In the third position: The emotional backing, all the energy you will need, is coming your way. What is now available to you is the result of your past work in your Emotional Plane, with relationships and/or your creative projects. You may relax and simply enjoy the moment.

In the fourth position: You are in love with the possibilities that love has for bringing and keeping people together, its positive binding attributes. Identification of commonalities. Family, profession, nationality are a few of the ways you may choose to package your emotional identity.

In the fifth position: You are fully aware of your good fortune with emotional matters. intellectual satisfaction with product or conduct of relationships, family, extended family, projects of compassion. Or mental satisfaction with the progress of creative endeavors.

In the sixth position: Can you handle emotional success in large quantities? The near future sees you under the most fortunate of circumstances in your emotional and creative affairs.

In the seventh position: The ego will be most satisfied with the possibilities in your emotional world. It almost looks too good to be true.

In the eighth position: You are strong now and others can lean on you for support. This could well be a time for feasting, as all the senses are in full play wanting to enjoy the luxury of the moment.

In the ninth position: A time of great joy, rejoicing at the good results in your interrelationships with the people you hold close in your heart. Anyone in your sphere of influence is also benefiting at this time.

In the tenth position: You are to be rewarded with a rush of energy, of backing beyond your expectations. This is all energy you will need to complete your projects and meet the demands others will place on you.

Nine of Cups (R)

Greater awareness - the rejection of *"surface"* values. Never allow yourself to think that this is all there is! Remain loyal to your purpose, to yourself and to others. Having completed your work, prepare your mind to move on. You have the ability to integrate and balance your feelings in deep and expansive ways for your own emotional happiness and well - being and that of others and this will bring about victory and liberation.

You may be overdoing it emotionally. The emotions may have become ends in themselves, goaded on by the ego. Everything exaggerated for effect. Sensitivity to a fault; your feeling everything - pain is everywhere. You could be thriving on the pain itself, rather than recognizing pain as the initial part of the positive lesson to be learned. A person stuck here may never get beyond the pain - a nasty form of addiction.

Questions to Answer:

1. How have your wishes been fulfilled?
2. What pleasures are being experienced?
3. What do you feel smug about?
4. What do you want to manifest in your life?
5. Can you visualize it in detail?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: There may be times when your depth of sensitivity may be almost too much, too sweet, but those moments carry lessons meant specifically for you.

In the second position: You may have constructed an ivory tower for personal enjoyment of your emotional/creative wealth and not have applied your gifts much toward practical rewards.

In the third position: At one extreme, you may be somewhat overwhelmed at your emotional good fortune. At the other extreme, you may be somewhat disappointed.

In the fourth position: One distortion here takes you to the extreme that is motivated by a distaste and avoidance for too much bonding/binding, preferring a much freer course. At the other extreme, the liking for familial or creative interrelationship and ties may be much too strong. Function outside of the group in such cases will be difficult to impossible.

In the fifth position: The mind may be overwhelmed with the results in your Emotional Plane, either for the good or the bad.

In the sixth position: Prepare for the extremes in your Emotional Plane. There may be disappointment or there could be a large demand on your energy, on your creative resources.

In the seventh position: At one extreme is the nasty fear of things actually going too well...at the other extreme is the more easy to understand fear of failure in either relationships or creative matters.

In the eighth position: You may be much too full emotionally to be truly strong. Do not take in too much before you balance with some giving. In the other extreme, you may not be strong enough at the moment for the emotional demands that are being placed on you - you may need to refill your cup some before you offer more drink to others.

In the ninth position: This suggests tears, either of joy so great as to bring you to your knees or of profound sadness and disappointment.

In the tenth position: The emotional demands placed on you will be substantial, but not beyond your ability to cope. At another extreme, the emotional attention showered on you will be taxing.

Nine of Pentacles

You will experience mental, emotional, spiritual, physical and financial profit if you choose to follow what has heart and meaning to you. Organize your life and the results will be gain, which comes as a result of unifying your wisdom with your love in a creative way which facilitates tangible gain in all areas of your life.

Recognize that you feel incomplete only because you are still seeking goals, a purpose - *"inner"* satisfaction. Continue to seek what you have not found and you will succeed. Complete the *"work"* of your self-development - have confidence in your self-discipline and patience. You are in harmony with nature around you and everything will bear its fruit in time. You are not alone now. Turn within yourself to reap the rewards of self-development. Experience your self awareness - distinguish what matters in life and what goals truly demand your best efforts. Experience the sense of certainty that comes with knowing you have made the right choices and followed them with the necessary actions - for this produces a life that is productive and alive. Success in *"creating"* yourself out of the material given you by the circumstances and conditions of your life - the ability to KNOW when others only guess.

Follow your goal to the end and do not allow impatience to get in the way. Materialize, manifest and realize your dreams. Harvest the fruits of your labors and prepare to plant again. Certainty is the mark of a truly evolved person and to achieve this you have been required to give up normal companionship in order to achieve self - reliance, producing a certain loneliness in the pursuit of your goals. You have had to give up spontaneity, recklessness and wandering. If the sacrifice *"appears"* too great - perhaps you do not value enough the rewards of your self - development. True discipline never cripples - it allows one to soar.

You will work hard to satisfy the goals of your mind as it stretches to accommodate the universal mind. In so doing mind insists that the planes align themselves, first within themselves and then with each other. There is security of position and the ability to appreciate the benefits of good health and material success. If you so desire, a life of active leisure is possible as your personal garden of Eden is all around you. Physical well-being is protected by the power of your mind and that power is available to help others. Physical healing is possible here as an adjunct of your ability to achieve and maintain order in your Physical Plane. The conventional avenues of medicine are more common here, but other alternatives apply as well. There is good integration of your physical needs with the environment (on all levels - plant, animals and other people). There is great appreciation of nature, your actions can benefit and bring increase in the world system. Physical evidence of the work of the intellect in the form of knowledge storage.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you earning by your endeavors - material wealth, security, status?
2. How are you enjoying what you have earned?
3. How are you spending your leisure time?
4. How do you give thanks for all that you've gained?

Special Messages:

- **Three Swords in spread**: Keep a tight reign on your expenses - this is not the time for careless spending.
- **Next to Emperor**: There may be an opportunity for a new position of responsibility which will mean an increase in finances - take time to consider the added duties.
- **Three Tens and World in spread**: A major move or long vacation that will be very worthwhile.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The highest application of mind to practical purposes, generating greater efficiency and comfort in life for self and others. The ability to match people and their environments - the mark of the designer, in particular the industrial designer, the civil engineer and the architect. The humanitarian scientist, the grass roots politician, the pragmatic inventor all make an appearance here.

In the second position: You have all the physical resources you need to achieve anything you want to achieve.

In the third position: Look around - things should be turning out the way you would have them - but, maybe you have not realized it yet.

In the fourth position: The legend of Johnny Appleseed in a love affair with trees. St. Francis of Assissi in his love for animals. The passion here is for the garden that is the earth itself, for a true garden is that which sustains us to be ourselves.

In the fifth position: You are very aware that you have everything you need at hand to complete your master plan. It really is up to you. There are no excuses now. You have all the pieces and need only to assemble the puzzle.

In the sixth position: What seems so perfect for you, may or may not be for others.

In the seventh position: Your challenge is to use your resources to produce more, rather than to luxuriate in and consume irresponsibly. It is a blessing to have all that you need to survive and be comfortable in the process, for it allots you the time others less fortunate do not have.

In the eighth position: One certainly hopes that you are enjoying the blessings of such bounty for your karmic purpose.

In the ninth position: You are energized by your fortunate circumstances and wish only to share you experiences and your pleasure with others.

In the tenth position: This archetype addresses the eternal question whether man is innately lazy or industrious. Would we be working if we had not been thrown out of the garden of Eden? The presumption in perennial philosophy and thus in the Tarot is that of course we are naturally industrious, ever seeking the productive fulfillment of our karmic purpose. Tend to the needs of your garden. Maintenance will preserve and magnify the beauty of what you already have.

Nine of Pentacles (R)

Utilize your communication, healing and inspirational gifts to re-evaluate your situation. You have gained much from your past experiences - analyze your goals and desires and trust that meditation will give you the answers. Ask for help with your affairs and you will find guidance in your prayers. When you *"appear"* to be entangled in a difficult situation - center yourself within, seek *"inner"* guidance and the solution will be presented. Move one step at a time - use your energy, vitality and assertion to remain flexible and open to new opportunities. Use the power of your communication and leadership skills to bring success to all concerned. Follow that which has heart and meaning. Trust in your own authenticity and truth - organize things and become magnetically open to following your true hearts desire. Failure, wasted work and saturation comes from lack of discipline. KNOW and recognize what you want - what really matters to you, then channel your energy into useful purposes.

Various forms of improper understanding/use of this level of comfort, such as allowing yourself to become overly dependent on others, even to the extreme of becoming a "*kept person*". There can be improper use of intelligence and knowledge of nature, leading to a decrease in the world system. Here we find smug, complacent, lazy behavior.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: In order for mind to achieve the proper goals of this lifetime, you may have to rely on others for support.

In the second position: At one extreme, your challenge is in which resources to access and for what purposes, for there is an abundance far beyond your requirements. At the other extreme, what you need is not readily available. There may be resources aplenty, but not for your project.

In the third position: On the one hand, things may be so good as to entrap you. On the other hand, you may be trying to kid yourself into thinking you are in a supportive situation and you are not.

In the fourth position: The garden is complete only with the people that occupy it. Love of nature, of the environment which supports us, cannot be divorced from love of ourselves and our fellow man.

In the fifth position: In one extreme, you know you have too much support for your needs or too much of the wrong stuff. In the other extreme, you know you do not have what you need.

In the sixth position: What is so right for your basic needs, may provide an ironic test for your creative endeavors. A starving artist you are not, at least not physically - but, your physical situation may be far from what you need to bring you into the proper arenas for your emotional and creative purposes.

In the seventh position: You may fear your ability to achieve on your own.

In the eighth position: The situation you are in is not healthy. On one extreme, you are withering from lack of water. On the other extreme, you are drowning from too much of it.

In the ninth position: On one hand, you may be all to comfortable and inert in your setting, neglecting your Karmic Contract. On the other hand, you may be sad at the lack of proper fit between you and your circumstances.

In the tenth position: The old adage, "*necessity is the mother of invention,*" suggests one difficulty shown by this archetype.

Namely, the temptation that if we don't have to we won't. Do not let that happen with you. It also suggests the very positive function of necessity.

Nine of Swords

Analyze your situation carefully now - focus on your priorities and forge ahead. Confront your fears, experience the grief and allow yourself to heal. Complete the process by transforming your pain. Experience pain - identify the *"source"* of the emotions you are experiencing and then you will know what it is you must change. Stress and depression are the last despair of your rational mind before new possibilities break through from the unconscious and allow it to flow freely. Concentrate on what is most important for you to complete. Immerse yourself completely and totally in your work. Trust in yourself and the course you have committed to.

The higher mind takes aim at its own plane. Mind is now keenly aware of self and of the magnitude of what it has asked to be privy. It has asked for and been given access to a level of knowledge which has a commensurate level of responsibility that now demands the letter of the law. The more you know, the more you owe and the more you know, the more you know you do not know and will never know. The only game over which mind can exercise free will in how well it exercises its duties as the caretaker of what it knows. That is a matter of wisdom, the mastery of the management of knowledge. Knowledge and responsibility are Siamese twins - one cannot live without the other, for they share one heart. One cannot carry out responsibility without the knowledge to do so and one cannot be truly knowledgeable without responsibility - because responsibility is inherent in every piece of information. Responsibility is natural, unless it is selectively blotted out by the mind, skillfully separated by the surgical scalpel of potentially errant free will. You take a hard look at objective progress as your goals demand that they be attempted in earnest, if not met. But this mind is not interested in any excuses, from you or anyone else - this is a "pass in review" for what you have achieved, in some cases an actual list - making exercise. Deep conscious thinking and non - thinking - meditation. The ink is drying on your philosophy and goals for this lifetime. Here is the impact of idealism and you will be tough on yourself. This is a time of major decisions, decisions which select a major fork on your path. On these decisions you must build - they are one - way gates through which you will never pass again. You may see here the theoretician, psychologist, philosopher, mathematician or scientist.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you putting yourself down?
2. What is the source of your depression?
3. What are you suffering from?
4. How have you been cruel and thoughtless or who has been cruel and hurt you?
5. What can you do to improve the situation?
6. What thoughts or nightmares are plaguing you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to High Priestess**: Be prepared to face the truth - do not be afraid.
- **Next to Star**: Have faith and thank God for the blessings you have received - all is not lost.
- **Aces on all sides**: Look for a new beginning and accept that what has happened is for the best.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is a path of wisdom with nobility of purpose. Here you become a master of the management of knowledge. As you approach universal mind you are becoming more aware of the darkest dark as well as the lightest light. A pervasive, through not unpleasant, sense of urgency is present.

In the second position: You know the names of all the plants in the inner courtyard and you know which are life giving and which are poison. Armed as you are with an encyclopedia of helpful tidbits, you can bring formidable intelligence to any problem put on your table.

In the third position: The mind is making a list, so you might as well get out a pencil and write it down. This is a time for turning up the volume. There is a considerable amount of information, perhaps from a number of sources, all vying for your attention.

In the fourth position: This is a very prodigious archetype for early emotional tapes. This is the higher mind impressing the heart with its knowledge of the situations that need attention in the world. This young heart not only accepted the challenge to do something about improving the world, it made that challenge its number one priority - its passion.

In the fifth position: You are intensely aware of more than you might care to now, but you also know that you asked for it. now comes the task of making sense of everything and in terms of your spiritual path it means literally that - making sense of

everything. There is pressure here, but in the sense of exciting challenge.

In the sixth position: The higher mind brings greater awareness and with your increased scope of concerns, a testing and realignment for your Emotional Plane.

In the seventh position: The mind and its store of information can be either a prison or what liberates you from prison.

In the eighth position: The buck stops here. Here is the "pass in review" of all that you have done. There is a wealth of material for consideration, but this is just as you would have it. You may be in a phase of deep contemplation.

In the ninth position: The world of your heart is responding to a growing list of concerns presented to it by mind. For, as the mind expands, so does the heart have a blessed opportunity for new relationships and creative expression. This is a time of positive challenge for your heart.

In the tenth position: Let the higher Ego come into full play. It is proper for you to be feeling accomplished, on target, wise and a host of other good emotions about yourself. This is not the sin of pride. This is simply the healthy pride of the Ego acknowledging its knowledge. As the self becomes more worldly, literally approaching the World archetype at the end of the Mental Plane, it must feel larger.

Nine of Swords (R)

Your problems are real and because you cannot directly attack them - you have chosen to keep your anger and resentment hidden within yourself. You are becoming inflexible, fixed in your beliefs and ideas. You are using narrow - mindedness as a defense because of the fears and insecurities you have experienced. Anger turned in on itself, soon becomes depression which leads to self - doubt and shame. These deep, hidden feelings will remain until the anger is released and true changes are made. Release your anger in a creative way - choose to believe that tomorrow holds new promise and hope. Be ready, be patient and believe that you have won. Trust that good news is coming! Be patient and believe in the blessings that are coming. Do not rush anything now - allow your tool to be your faith and trust in God's power to turn your situation around. Draw from his energy for guidance and support as you work through your self-doubts. You are being too hard on yourself, too idealistic. Over-working, thinking too much. The mind and its store of information can be either a prison or what liberates us from prison.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: As knowledge at this level increases, each increment of growth brings noticeable increments of greater responsibility. The easy path is the one in which the responsibility is as eagerly sought and welcomed as the knowledge.

In the second position: Too much or too little information/ thinking. The likelihood that you are too intent on the information itself instead of what it is to be used for.

In the third position: While the number of options may be confusing, be flattered, then do your review and make your cuts. Some will make the team, others will not.

In the fourth position: Even with the nobility of such an altruistic passion as yours, you are not relieved of the responsibility of fulfilling what we call the *"lower"* emotions - to love, possibly to mate, to experience sensual pleasure, to enjoy family and friends and simply humor. They are called *"lower"* only in that they usually come first, not that they are any the less important.

In the fifth position: This may feel more like the pressure of what to do next. The mind may have overestimated its role in this matter. Give the other levels equal time and your headache should go away.

In the sixth position: Make no changes in your emotional house while your mind is overloaded or confused. This card can show one as being overly idealistic and impatient in the drive toward truth. Be gentle with loved ones especially, but go easy in your day to day encounters as well.

In the seventh position: The temptation out of fear to bury your head in the sand, to avoid the information as if your not knowing will make a problem go away. In more esoteric terms, some will argue that the quest can be fulfilled on what they call faith alone. It cannot. That faith alone is actually seeded with doubt, with the fear that if it sought an answer, it may either not get one or get one it did not like.

In the eighth position: You may be having trouble getting things to add up these days.

In the ninth position: In a distortion of this archetype, in one extreme the heart may be overwhelmed and saddened by its new awareness. Some hearts may be initially less than enthusiastic about what the mind has presented, balking at responsibility and heightened compassion.

In the tenth position: Be on your guard as you experience this archetype in the near future, against both the sin of pride and the opposite extreme - denial of self-knowledge.

Nine of Wands

Strength of vision, perception and intuition balanced mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically - the true strength from within. You have learned to deal with your problems and the compromises they demand and you have developed wisdom and discipline from your experiences. You are on the right path - continue on this way - hear what others have to say and do not be abstinent. Hold on to what you believe and trust that you have the knowledge, wisdom and strength to see it through.

Know and respect yourself, be true to yourself and value yourself by walking your own path. Defend your spirit without compromising - be honest. Preserve your spirit - keep mentally, physically and emotionally fit and your spirit will naturally guide you.

Preparation and strength will be necessary for any opposition that can arise now - but you will be victorious! You have tremendous vitality, attractiveness and charm to both sexes. Face your greatest fears with the gift of this strength of purpose - turn away from that which is not right for you and aspire to your higher purpose. Meet your future with an unshakable stance. As you protect and support others who are in need - you will find spiritual strength in facing your own fears. Complete this spiritual or creative task - open your mind to life. Look at all the possibilities and to release the energy that is being contained within yourself.

The mental and spiritual are in productive working agreement - there is a solid philosophy in place as you begin to know spiritual truths at the intellectual level. Your mind has established a level of truth for *"self"* which echoes universal truth. When someone approaches you, they can not help but sense the degree to which your center is aligned with the center of all things. This gives you an air of authority and people tend to submit to you rather than to challenge you. Good communication between your spiritual and mental planes. Knowing God intellectually, the mark of a theologian - the impact of grace on a well-trained mind. On target with the Karmic Contract. Knowledge is the path leading to enlightenment. A firm foundation and backup resources at all four levels - mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Hidden resources are available to you - even some which are not known to you - you may have much more depth than you are aware of. True determination through identification with your beliefs - both spiritual and intellectual.

Questions to Answer:

1. What previous knowledge and abilities are you drawing on?
2. What is strengthening you to face opposition?
3. What disciplines are carrying you through?
4. Who or what is demanding a lot from you?
5. What task do you have to handle on your own?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Sun**: Personal or business interests in vacation areas or properties.
- **Next to Ten of Wands**: Negotiations regarding real estate, building, rental or purchases.
- **Next to Magician**: Business inquiry regarding books and metaphysical interests.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The integration of spirituality into all of your lower levels is not so much a requirement at this point as it is simply a matter of fact. Spiritual exercise and ritual is for you a way of life. Spiritual progress at this point is very much the summation, the cap of the progress at the physical, emotional and mental levels.

In the second position: These spiritual wands will provide more than enough timber for the spokes of your chariot, taking you everywhere you need to go in good time. Your foundation is most firm.

In the third position: The spiritual system which you have worked to understand and bring on line in your life, perhaps even the community of like - minded souls, is at hand. Your position is most secure as you need only bear witness to your beliefs and others will accept and follow.

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In the fifth position: It must be an exciting time for you, to have reached the level of assurance that is yours for the keeping. But the excitement is tempered by awe.

In the sixth position: If a major spiritual breakthrough has come to you or to someone near you, you know the profound effect it has on others. The moment of enlightenment throws a wide beam of light hitting all nearby. And while understanding may not come with the wash of light, a warm glow of well-being is experienced and everyone, not just the central character is affected.

In the seventh position: The major mental test here is in maintaining your momentum on the path. You have achieved so much already and are in great demand to share and to teach what you have experienced first hand, that it is all too easy to stop and bask in the glory of your present position.

In the eighth position: It may be time for you to deliver an important message, to bring your spiritual expertise on line for effect in the Physical Plane. The delivery of the "I Have A Dream" speech of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the mall in Washington, D.C. was such a message on a grand scale.

In the ninth position: The heart is greatly pleased because it too like the mind, is privy to so much more and is filling with universal spirit.

In the tenth position: Here is the impact of grace on a well - trained mind. Any difficulties you might have had functioning well at this level of heightened spirituality will not accrue at this time for there are things for you to do. You will be very much the guardian angel to the lessons of others in the near future, not later than this time next year.

Nine of Wands (R)

Your defenses have failed - your problems grow too great for your strength to hold them back. The barriers you have created to protect yourself are becoming your cage. You are giving away your self - responsibility. Seek a different approach - recognize now that your old habits make you inflexible. You have risked so much to get this far - be fearless now and move forward in relative safety. It is time for you to take your next step - take the fences down. Listen to your guides and trust your intuition. *"Act"* on your inspirations. Carry your experiences with you and release your fear of moving on. Do not bend under adversity or display weakness in your attitude - fight for what you believe to be right and true. Trust that you have the deep internal resources necessary to resolve any issues that might arise now. Implement your strength in those areas which will allow you to work more effectively in both the personal and professional arenas of your life.

You are weighted down by the structure of your belief and support systems. You are too idealistic. The extensions of self at this point may have made you too heavy. This may show the impact of a top heavy, overly bureaucratic, spiritual organization. The image of an overweight monk comes to mind. This could show spiritual smugness, complacency - spiritual conceit. In a sense, this is quitting before you get to the end of the path, because it feels so good in this place that you do not want to leave. Also spiritual fatigue.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The majority of your lessons for this lifetime will lie in how well you are able to help others reach your level of understanding, rather than in advancing yourself. You will be blessed with contentment at your level and well you should be content.

In the second position: The proper spiritual path should not diminish or create hardship in your Physical/material Plane.

In the third position: You can lighten up for awhile, let someone else take the point position.

In the fourth position: To give oneself over to an ideology of spirituality at an early age may circumvent other necessary emotional development of a more personal and family nature. For a few paths this may be the appropriate karmic path - for most it is not.

In the fifth position: Rather than excitement, there may be the weight of the moment and an unwieldiness until such time as your legs get strong enough for the increased load. You may literally feel heavy.

In the sixth position: Some of those around you may not understand and if they are not ready and able to integrate your experience, they may react negatively and in the extreme, no longer wishing to continue their contact with you.

In the seventh position: In one extreme, this resembles the plight of a fallen angel - so near God, that there is a vast amount of power residing in one's wisdom and without availing oneself of the same amount of responsibility - big mistakes can be made. In the other extreme, fear and doubt can strike at any level and there can be tremendous fear at such dizzying heights.

In the eighth position: You may be taking an important stand, important for what it symbolizes for many others and for the converts it will make.

In the ninth position: This heart is overwhelmed by the immensity of universal need uncovered by higher mind and put on its doorstep. It needs time to adjust.

In the tenth position: Your lesson will be in how well you can reach down and pull others up to the level you have achieved.

This is your karmic purpose kicking in big time.

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You will receive an offer of help and cooperation; energy which has moved through possessiveness, manipulation and jealousy and mastered the capacity to offer emotional loyalty to others in objective ways. A gentle, quiet person - emotionally secure and able to communicate feelings, desires and concerns in realistic and meaningful ways. Unencumbered by the conflict with responsibility or sensual desire - contemplation and fantasy are in proper balance.

The development of wonderful ideas and psychic abilities through meditation and study, developed in a peaceful way. An important messages will be arriving soon - be ready to start a new project. Continually express your feelings - purify yourself emotionally. You get rid of unwanted feelings by expressing them. *"Feel"* the ecstatic renewal of your heart and spirit by revealing your deepest emotions.

Emotional, sensitive, creative, emotionally resourceful, loyal, tender, affectionate. Emotionally dependent on others, sentimental, ruled by the drive for the transformation. Drive and the forces of change is instinctive, passive as the growth of a child is automatic. Good emotional feel for things, active subconscious, wide range of emotions, exaggeration - emotionally playful, light-hearted, emotional innocence, purity. Appropriate naivety in emotional/creative affairs. Lack of emotional/sexual experience. The transformation side of things emotional and represents new emotional opportunities, situations, events and guides. Learning lessons directly from emotional interaction. Emotional renewal, emotional news (happenings with people). Here is the fountain of emotional youth which keeps our hearts from aging just as the fountain of influence under the Page of Pentacles serves to keep our bodies young.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who depends on you emotionally?
2. What does your intuition say to do?
3. How can you serve others?
4. Who offers unqualified, non-judgmental love?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Like the Page of Pentacles, yours is a world of constant discovery. But rather than focusing on nature and material things, you are collecting experiences, observing people and the things that happen between them and what they love, with the natural and undinted curiosity of a child.

In the second position: Your facility with people and situations keeps a steady flow of new energy and manpower in your physical/material house. Much like a cat with nine lives, you can withstand a misfortune in one area because there is so much else going on, so much overlapping.

In the third position: This child is coming to you in person or sending its lessons through other signs in the Emotional Plane. Accept with open arms the changes that have come to your emotional/creative house.

In the fourth position: Here can be seen the love of the spirits that enliven the emotions, the water spirits. There is a love of God in the waters of the Earth, the passion of the mariner or the olympic swimmer. And here too, is a love of love itself, seen in the poet's verse, seen in the eyes of even the most experienced when they discover the heart of the matter, the love of God. This can also be the love of a child or children.

In the fifth position: This page has your attention, either in person or influence. It has brought renewal and the potential for a whole renaissance of activity, a different phase to your emotional/creative house.

In the sixth position: The Page of Cups may be arriving in person in the near future. Person or not, the influence here is to reinvigorate the heart with the utter innocence of youth and its raw potential for emotional/creative change. There will be new dimensions opening in existing relationships and/or new relationships/creativity.

In the seventh position: Your mind will be on this Page in the near future. You are pulled more and more to water and her ways as you listen to her spirits - the water sprites - your guides. The mind is called on to invest in the future by embracing youth principles in the Emotional/Creative Plane.

In the eighth position: This youth is in your physical house. You are learning lessons directly from emotional interaction that will change your material affairs, even your attitude and approach to your health and physical appearance.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this child. He/she may be the object of your love or the centerpiece of a creative project

underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the youth, the freshness and purity, the new resources you need for your program in the Emotional/ creative Plane. It may well come to you in the personage of the Page of Cups. It may, however, be the access to what he/she represents.

Page of Cups (R)

Following an *"inclination"* - acting without thinking or allowing your immediate desires to seduce you, particularly if they go against your common sense - like making a promise you can not keep or a commitment that does not mean anything to you, can lead to making mistakes. Avoid being over powered by disturbing visions. The sudden emergence of psychic talent, even if deliberately sought through training - can *"appear"* very frightening. These visions only mirror your fear - reminding you to remain calm and grounded to reality.

Trust and believe that the obstacles in your life will soon be removed and you will see things in a new light. Make a conscious choice to believe that things are changing. You always respond emotionally to the receipt of any information. If you wish to control your situations, you need only prepare yourself for this emotional response. Always seek that which is loving and realistic. You abandon your own feelings when you allow yourself to repeat old patterns. Fully experience your feelings - become emotionally vulnerable. Emotionally "*let go*" and allow yourself to love deeply - this will release your fears of abandonment and loss.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who depends on you emotionally?
2. What does your intuition say to do?
3. How can you serve others?
4. Who offers unqualified, non-judgmental love?
5. Are you repressing your feelings?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: What you observe in this fashion and what you learn about the art of learning, will benefit many others as much or more than yourself.

In the second position: In a rare case, you might have become literally dependent on a young child for your support.

In the third position: You are the agent through which this Page can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: All passions can consume us if over indulged and this one is no different.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this Page of he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or by the Page.

In the seventh position: You may fear this youth or what he/she represents.

In the eighth position: You may reject this child or he/she you.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this child, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this child.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Page of Pentacles

Mastery of creative power - the ability to enjoy studying. The persevering scholar, the pioneer spirit and the passion to create and give birth to new form or restructure old form. The ability to approach any activity with the quality of fascination and involvement - caring less for the rewards or social position than for the work itself. Experience your own inner child's playfulness. Do what you loved to do as a child and you will find your genius, your passion and your success. Take the pressure off yourself - enjoy your journey. Do your best and enjoy the *"process"*. You will be receiving good news - a message that will change many things. There will be a meeting with someone who is kind, generous and sympathetic to your point of view who will create changes for the better through their caring ways.

Predictable, physically resourceful, physical means of discovery, good instincts. Communication with earth spirits. Ruled by the drive for transformation. Physically playful and active. Playground of possibility. Physical innocence, purity. Appropriate naivete in others. Transformation side of things physical - new physical opportunities, situations, events and guides. Drive and the forces of change are instinctive, passive as is the growth of a child is automatic. Wonder at physical things - eagerness, enthusiasm, amusement, physical renewal...physical news. Will and desire which are subtle compared to an adults.

Questions to Answers:

1. What new information are you gathering?
2. What new possibilities do you contain within yourself?
3. Who is bringing you financial information?
4. Are you listening to the earth?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is a world of constant discovery. As adults must allow the child to play (which is the rudiments of learning, i.e., learning how to learn) you must allow yourself to play at life, to enjoy fully the simplest of things.

In the second position: You may have discovered the fountain of physical youth or at the very least of renewal. Of course, energy and enthusiasm are invaluable resources, but here, too there seems an endless source of replenishment and in a mine that ever continues to reveal new veins.

In the third position: This child is coming to you in person or sending its lessons through other signs in the Physical Plane. Accept with open arms the changes to your physical/material house. Once welcomed there will be productive growth.

In the fourth position: Here can be seen the love of the elementals of life, the elfin magic of the woods, the Fantasia of Walt Disney. Here is the simple love of God in nature. Nature itself becomes animated, then personified, then deified. This can also be the love of a child or children.

In the fifth position: This Page has your attention, either in person or influence. It has brought renewal and the potential for a whole renaissance of activity, a different phase to your material house.

In the sixth position: The Page of Pentacles may be arriving in person in the near future. Person or not, the influence here is to reinvigorate the heart with the utter innocence of youth and its raw potential for physical/material change. The heart slows down but enlarges. Enjoy the obvious, the natural things that are close at hand.

In the seventh position: Your mind will be on this page in the near future. You are pulled more and more to nature and her ways as you listen to the spirits of the Earth. The mind is called on to invest in the future by embracing youth principles in the Physical/material Plane.

In the eighth position: This child is in your physical house. Change has taken place and things will never be the same again - you must turn your enterprise to the future.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this child. He/she may be the object of your love or the centerpiece of a creative project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the youth, the freshness and purity, the new resources you need for your program in the Physical/material Plane. It may well come in the personage of the Page of Pentacles. It may, however be the access to what he/she represents.

Page of Pentacles (R)

Your views are not appreciated by those around you - understand that those feelings can bring unfavorable news. Do not become rebellious - remain receptive to your desires to resolve the major issues in your life and restructure relationships. Relax now - the difficult task has been completed. Rest - center yourself within and trust in the power of God to turn your situation around. Unpredictable, not a self-starter, not in touch with the body or the inner self. Basic physical deficiencies. Out of phase with the physical environment. Inability to seize physical opportunities.

Questions to Answer:

1. What new information are you gathering?
2. What new possibilities do you contain within yourself?
3. Who is bringing you financial information?
4. Are you listening to the earth?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Allow yourself to play at life, to enjoy fully the simplest of things. This is not to literally remain a child or to avoid responsibility, but to cherish these qualities in the face of those who would have you give them up.

In the second position: In a rare case, you might have become literally dependent on a young child for your support.

In the third position: You are the agent through which this Page can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: Extremes - distorts into the love of the wild, the untamed and thus a rejection of the process civilization, of growing up, of becoming fully human.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this Page or he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or by the Page.

In the seventh position: You may fear this child or what he/she represents.

In the eighth position: You may reject this child, or he/she may reject you.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this child, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this child.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Page of Swords

The activities surrounding you are causing you concern. Begin to align your verbal commitments with action. Regenerate your thinking and act on your ideas rather than just talking about them. Remaining fixed on *"old"* knowledge may block new understanding. You learn from everything - every experience, every moment is new. Investigate the possibilities. Trust your intelligence and give your mind a chance. Find a way to attain your goals and dreams. Learning never stops - break through old conditioning, old values and beliefs.

Be receptive to other peoples moods, so that you will KNOW when they are on the defensive. You may not like the possible delay in plans, you could even receive news that you will consider disappointing - news not necessarily instigated by you, but affecting you and requiring quick decisions, causing you to act immediately. Rise above your problems - detach yourself from them, rather than trying to meet the opposition head on. Explore new ideas, seek new realizations and insights - continue to grow.

Mental, assertive, alert, thoughtful, impressionable, investigative, curious, vigilant - ruled by the drive for transformation. Drive and the forces of change is instinctive, passive, automatic. Insightful, highly active consciousness, probing, mentally playful, mental innocence, purity - appropriately naive in mental affairs. Lack of mental experience. The transformation side of things mental, representing new intellectual opportunities, situation, events and guides. Learning lessons directly from mental interaction - mental renewal, mental news. The fountain of mental youth which keeps our minds from aging just as the fountain of influence serves to keep our bodies young.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you have to say?
2. What fears must you face?
3. What have you just learned through the media?
4. Who is trying to communicate with you?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Like the Page of Pentacles, yours is a world of constant discovery. But you use principally your mind for your adventures and to collect your souvenirs. Whereas the Page of Pentacles turns his/her real world into a fantasy, you are capable of turning your fantasies into the real world.

In the second position: This is the advantage of the general who has the best reconnaissance team, the calvary officer with the best advance scout. Contemporary society is the age of information and you have what you need at your fingertips. Collection and dissemination of information may be your business.

In the third position: This child is coming to you in person or sending its lessons through other signs in the Mental Plane. Accept with open arms the changes that have come to your mental house.

In the fourth position: Here can be seen the love of the air spirits that enliven the mind, the fairies. This is a love of God in the winds and the heights of the Earth, the passion of the flyer and the mountain climber. Here, too, is the love of novelty, of revelation, seen in plan for a new invention, seen in the eyes of the most experienced when they discover the concept of the matter, the mind of God.

In the fifth position: This page has your attention, either in person or influence. It has brought renewal and the potential for a whole renaissance of activity, a different phase to your mental house.

In the sixth position: The Page of Swords may be arriving in person in the near future. Person or not, the influence here is to reinvigorate the heart with the mind's innnnnnnocence and purity and draw support for mental change. This generates new possibilities in existing relationships and/or new relationships/ creativity.

In the seventh position: Your mind will be on this Page in the near future. You are pulled more and more to the element air and her ways as you listen to her spirits of the wind - the sylphs - your guides. The mind is called on to invest in the future by embracing youth principles in the Mental Plane.

In the eighth position: This youth is in your physical house. You are learning lessons directly from mental interaction that will change your material affairs, even your attitude and approach to your health and appearance.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this child. He/she may be the object of your love or the centerpiece of a creative project

underway.

In the tenth position: Here is the youth, the freshness and purity, the new resources you need for your program in the Mental Plane. It may well come to you in the personage of the Page of Swords. It may, however be the access to what he/she represents.

Page of Swords (R)

Life is unpredictable - prepare your mind now for the unexpected. Remain receptive to other peoples moods so that you can attend to what you wish to produce. Look deeper into the situations that surround you so that you can fully understand them. See if the actions and behavior of others are aligned with the thoughts and ideas that they are expressing.

Prepare your mind for vibrations that could demand quick decisions causing you to act immediately. Trust and believe that all change will eventually be more beneficial. Believe in your mastery of practical thinking and your commitment to quality and excellence. You have detached yourself from a situation which requires more force. You are *"limiting"* your viewpoint - having become obsessed with your problems and your inability to do anything about them. You require strength, courage and optimism now - expand your mind and exercise it. Renew your perception and revitalize your mind.

An extreme distortion of characteristics - overly curious or apathetic - mental stagnation or rambling inefficiency with too much going on. Generating too many ideas with no follow-through. Inefficient communication.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you have to say?
2. What fears must you face?
3. What of significance have you just learned through the media?
4. Who is trying to communicate with you?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Turning fantasy into reality - the mark of a dreamer, the daydreamer especially. Wear padded clothing for bumping into the odd telephone pole now and then.

In the second position: Unless you are being paid to push information around, there may be too much here for your purposes. At the other extreme, there may be too little or it may be dated.

In the third position: You are the agent through which the Page can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: All passions can consume us if over indulged and this one is no different.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this Page or he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or by the page.

In the seventh position: You may fear this youth or what he/she represents.

In the eighth position: You are learning lessons directly from mental interaction that will change your material affairs, even your attitude and approach to your health and appearance. You may reject this page or he/she you.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this child, but rather not be, or the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this child.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Page of Wands

Know yourself - master your internal blocks, obstacles and obstructions. Liberate your spirit - set it free to experience new adventures, renewal and new beginnings. Trust your instincts and enjoy yourself in a lighter more youthful way now. Allow yourself to experience life just for itself - free of external pressures. New beginnings, study and reflection - the qualities of a student who seeks new directions for self - growth and development. One who takes the tiger by the tail, is frank, uninhibited and forthright in speech.

A message, happy news - a letter or telephone call that will please you and present the possibility of new developments in work or business. Good judgment is necessary now. Stressful situations and varied experiences have helped develop your self-confidence - allow yourself to express this sense of freedom and adventure by initiating something new. You will know enthusiasm, courage, power - there will be success with hard work and dedication to your goal.

Highly intuitive, very sensitive, vibrant, fiery, humorous, sincere, attentive, uninhibited...a prodigy. Ruled by the drive for transformation. Super consciousness, spiritually playful, spiritual innocence - purity. The transformation side of things intuitive/ spiritual and represents new opportunities, situations, events and guides which bring messages of exceptional insight and inspiration. Spiritual renewal - spiritual news through insight, inspiration, guide's messages, serendipity (finding value in things not sought for), synchronicity (coexistence, coincidence - a series of events happening at the same time - spontaneity). The fountain of spiritual youth which keeps your souls vigorous (full of physical strength and energy) in the Earth Plane.

Questions to Answer:

1. What new territories or ideas are you checking out?
2. Who is calling you?
3. Who is enthusiastic about your endeavors and looks up to you as a mature adult?
4. What actions are you risking to take?
5. What are you all fired up about?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Like the other Pages, yours is a world of constant discovery. But your wonder embraces the fascinations of all three of their worlds, the material, emotional and mental and to that is added the wonder of continual spiritual revelation.

In the second position: This is the advantage of insightful meditation, good prayer, spiritual divination, to bring us information that will help us in our physical lives. Your best resource is your access to the information you need for your health and business.

In the third position: This child is coming to you in person or sending its lessons through other signs in the Spiritual Plane. Accept with open arms the changes that have come to your spiritual house.

In the fourth position: Here can be seen a love of the spirits that enliven spirit itself, that give it its name and identity. These are the energies, the guides from above which illuminate the pages of our Karmic Contract to remind us of our timely lessons. This passion is a love of God through his messengers, the archangels and the guides from our karmic lineage.

In the fifth position: This Page has your attention, either in person or influence. It has brought renewal and the potential for a whole renaissance of activity, a different phase to your spiritual house.

In the sixth position: The Page of Wands may be arriving in person in the near future. Person or not, the influence here is to reinvigorate the heart with the innocence of spirit and draw support for spiritual change. This generates new possibilities in existing relationships and/or new relationships/creativity.

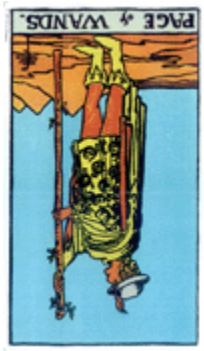
In the seventh position: Your mind will be on this Page in the near future. You are pulled more and more into the element fire and her ways as you listen to her spirits - the salamanders - your guides. The mind is called on to invest in the future by embracing youth principles in the Spiritual Plane.

In the eighth position: This youth is in your physical house. You are learning directly from spiritual interaction what will change your material affairs, even your attitude and approach to your health and appearance.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this youth. He/she may be the object of your love or the centerpiece of a creative project underway.

In the tenth position: Here is youth, the freshness and purity, the new resources you need for your program in the Mental Plane.

It may well come to you in the personage of the Page of Wands or it may be the access to what he/she represents.



Page of Wands (R)

You are experiencing an uncomfortable relationship with a person who is domineering - this person is upsetting you. Face your fears and have the courage now to release them - allow yourself to feel the renewed energy, spirit and vitality.

Your eagerness to start something new has been disrupted by complexities, problems and outright opposition which has resulted in confusion and indecisiveness. You have experienced fear and find you are unable to declare yourself. Recognize now that your basic qualities are simplicity and faithfulness and this instability causes you weakness. Choose now to get away from the complexities or develop the maturity necessary to deal with them. This continued indecision will only lead to further degeneration of your resolve and self - confidence. Be willing now to explore the unknown - ignite your self - curiosity and continue to move forward.

Questions to Answer:

1. What new territories and ideas are you checking out?
2. Who is calling you?
3. Who is enthusiastic about your endeavors and looks up to you as a mature adult?
4. What actions are you risking to take?
5. What are you all fired up about?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Spiritual discipline may have been erratic or perhaps confusion with messages, disciplines. Many messages, little witnessing.

In the second position:

In the third position: You are the agent through which the Page can deliver his/her gifts.

In the fourth position: All passions can consume us if overindulged and this one is no different. Our loves, at all levels and in all forms, are manifestations of an aspect of God and cannot be allowed to replace the One, the All. This is the lesson of the first commandment of the Bible, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus, 20:3)

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this Page or he/she about you.

In the sixth position: At one extreme, there may be a retreat by you or by the Page.

In the seventh position: You may fear this youth or what he/she represents.

In the eighth position: You may reject this child or he/she you.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this child, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart’s sadness over this child.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Queen of Cups

Mastery of emotional integrity - the ability to always look on the bright side of things, utilizing sensitivity and relying on intuitive ability rather than common sense. Perception - the ability to see ahead and believe. To own ones feelings and express them without blame or judgment, empowering others and allowing them to express their feelings honestly and responsibly. Blending imagination and action into creativity and social usefulness, by directing the imagination into valuable activity. Molding the creative force, without suppressing it.

Love gives meaning to her actions and the realization of her goals, for it is the joining of conscious to feeling. Knowing what you want and taking the steps necessary to get it - always acting with an awareness of love. The vision of life as *"joyful"* can only come as a gift - love can open you to receiving that gift and recognizing that it exists. Once intelligence is joined to love - you return that gift by taking the vision and making something real and lasting from it.

Awaited pleasures and success are now coming due. People in high position not only offer you assistance, but may bestow some sort of recognition on you. Rewards are promised now - advantages and powerful spiritual forces are present. You are psychic - deeply emotional and you reflect the unconscious in others. You are empathetic and understanding. Recognize that you can also be moody and deceitful. Heal and bring life to yourself and others through feeling fully and deeply - express the beauty of your heart.

Emotional, sensitive, creative, dedicated, motivated, sensual, tender, soothing, loving mother. Ruled by the drive of the heart. Involved with family, friends, fellow workers. Frequently the center of the group. Confident, involved in the arts - a leader/ volunteer. Healer by example, nurturer, channel for love. Creative, psychic abilities, enchantress. Nurse for emotional wounds.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who wants to protect you and shower you with affection?
2. How are you working with or expressing your unconscious?
3. How are you expressing your emotions?
4. Who is inspiring you with their dreams and openness?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will be the source of love and inspiration to many. Through you they will learn to see the beauty that caring attention can extract from the mundane.

In the second position: This may be a family member or other person on whom you can fall back. This also suggests that you have a vast network of caring friends and associates that are there if you need them.

In the third position: Think well on this card for she is coming to you in one guise or another. As a guide and source of inspiration, she is directing your attention to your emotional/creative house, that you may increase the efficiency there.

In the fourth position: The ideal of motherhood is strongest with this archetype and for this child playing with dolls may have been serious business. This may also be a mother figure, real or idealized.

In the fifth position: Your mind is on this queen. You may be preparing to make a very generous offer. Or you may be planning something very amorous.

In the sixth position: This queen is on your emotional horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then emotional or creative matters are pulling at your heart. Your heart is accepting greater responsibility.

In the seventh position: This queen is on your mental horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then the archetype is demanding attention to her programs. It is important to the realization of your goals that you integrate more of her principles into your work.

In the eighth position: The queen is making herself at home in your physical/material house. This should be quite nice to watch as everything takes on the special glow from her reflection. Your material affairs are being nourished and should produce new growth.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this queen and how appropriate for she is the queen of hearts. She may be the object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway. Her programs dominate your feelings.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to enhance your Emotional/creative Plane and

it may well come in the physical personage of the Queen of Cups. It may however, be access to what she represents. She brings a soothing and healing balm with her.

Queen of Cups (R)

Powerful, domineering emotional energy that has lost sight of love and with it the commitment to values greater than ones own personal success. Creative forces are out of control. Recognize when someone is simply presenting a good story - they may be intelligent but inclined to exaggerate. They may mean well but may not be fully reliable. When a person lacks depth - it is unwise to relate any secrets to them. Acknowledge that it is possible for you to be deceived when you are not fully aware of the whole situation. There are people who may not have the sympathy or understanding that you think they have.

Do not abandon, deny or repress your feelings - be willing now to communicate them accurately and openly. You no longer have a need to attack others or apologize for your feelings. You are now ready to reflect accurately on the outside whatever you are feeling on the inside so that the two remain in constant balance. Accept and forgive. Receive and give with love and openness and your spirit will be renewed. A creative block - the incorrect development or use of psychic abilities.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who wants to protect you and shower you with affection?
2. How are you working with or expressing your unconscious?
3. How are you expressing your emotions?
4. Who is inspiring you with their dreams and openness?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You may be asked to teach love and beauty in some difficult classrooms to some very needy students.

In the second position: You may not have that person you have always counted on before to help in this situation. At another extreme, you have been less than efficient in your relationship to your environment.

In the third position: This suggest that you are needed to help another or others with their emotional/creative house, to improve the flow of energy and allow more contact and pleasure.

In the fourth position: A mother figure may be distorted, even rejected. Also, at an extreme, this archetype can have a idealized vision or a negative vision of motherhood flavoring the emotions in the present.

In the fifth position: You may thing adversely about this queen or she about you. You may be planning to seduce someone with your winsome charm.

In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life, there are emotions to deal with here as one or the other of you turn away.

In the seventh position: If this represents someone already in your life, this may show a turn of mind between you. You may fear the power and responsibility of mothering, of caring intensely after others.

In the eighth position: You may be under the serious influence, even seduction of this lady.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with the queen, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Queen of Pentacles

Mastery of building new and fulfilling worlds by nurturing the creative aspects of life. A talented energy - family oriented and charitable. She possess a great business intellect which is not afraid of hard work. She tends to become despondent at times, retiring inward for rejuvenation - but, over all she is able to use her talent well and be happy at work or at home. She possesses the finest of the *"quieter"* qualities - greatness of heart, strong intuition and instinct. She is a quiet, hard working, practical, sensible person - fully aware of her *"inner"* self. She knows and believes in herself and the magic of her life - having joined forces with the Universe - allowing it to flow through her into her daily life.

Dependable, resourceful, can-doer. Watchful, very generous, good instincts - a good physical leader. Great endurance, ruled by the drive of the heart. Mother/provider, mother earth, naturalist - concern for physical health and the safety of the family. Nourishment. Channel for practical information.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you channeling your physical resources?
2. Who inspires your need for practical skills and nurtures your desire for knowledge?
3. Who is reliable and trustworthy?
4. How are you grounded in Mother Earth?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is the energy that runs through this lifetime for you and will see you working steadily for as much and as long as it takes to get things done. You are keenly sensitive to the rhythms of nature, that things must be done in their season and on time or there will be no harvest.

In the second position: A family member or someone you can fall back on. It can also suggest that you have very basic, healthy processes and instincts that serve you well. You are in harmony with your surroundings and should have many a safe harbor if you need it.

In the third position: Think well on this card for she is coming to you in one guise or another. As a guide and source of inspiration, she is directing your attention to your physical/ material house, that you may increase the efficiency there.

In the fourth position: Here is the sort of passion that might fill the heart of a young rural girl or boy in the Future Farmers of America, with a prize winning lamb in the county fair or of the city boy or girl with a prize winning experiment at the science fair. Here is a love for how things live and work. This may also be a mother figure, real or idealized.

In the fifth position: Your mind is on this queen. She may represent a rise in consciousness for the Physical Plane and its programs, such as environmental awareness or concern for health, diet, exercise.

In the sixth position: This queen is on your emotional horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then earthly matters are pulling at your heart. How are you and your extended family of loved ones relating to your surroundings, to nature?

In the seventh position: This queen is on your mental horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then the archetype is demanding attention to her programs. It is important to the realization of your goals that you integrate more of her principles into your work.

In the eighth position: The queen is in your house and can make a house a home full of health and vitality and good things to eat.

In the ninth position: Your heart is on this queen. She may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway. Her programs may dominate your feelings.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to enhance your Physical/material Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Queen of Pentacles. It may however, be the access to what she represents. Here are resources and replenishment for your basic needs.

Queen of Pentacles (R)

It is time that you recognize and accept your need for stable, nurturing relationships in your life. Begin to release the people in your life who find it difficult to trust anyone. The fear of failing can make a person quite changeable. Soon they develop a suspicious nature and lack any motivation - which causes them to be lazy and neglect their responsibilities. This results in nervousness and confusion - they become afraid, mistrustful of others and even begin to doubt their abilities and their value as a person.

Trust yourself - focus all your energy on utilizing your abilities to manifest beauty, health and fulfillment in specific, practical ways in the areas of your life where it is needed and necessary. Focus on your meditation, on grounding your emotions in natural things, ordinary pleasures and satisfying work.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you channeling your physical resources?
2. Who inspires your need for practical skills and nurtures your desire for knowledge?
3. Who is reliable and trustworthy?
4. How are you grounded in Mother Earth?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Many will look to you, as those who wait to see which fork the hostess picks up first.

In the second position: You may not have that person you have always counted on before to help in this situation. At another extreme, you have been less than efficient in your relationship to your environment.

In the third position: this suggests that you are needed to help another or others with their physical/material house, especially diet, exercise and health matters and/or environmental concerns.

In the fourth position: A mother figure may be distorted, even rejected. Also, at an extreme, this archetype can become an obsession with nature and/or science.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this queen or she about you. As an aspect of yourself, you may be avoiding thinking about the appropriateness and efficiency of your actions in physical/material matters.

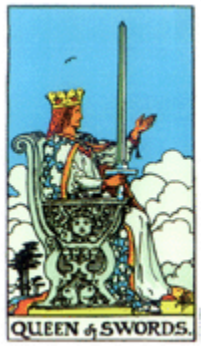
In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life there are emotions to deal with here, as one or the other of you turn away.

In the seventh position: If this represents someone already in your life, this may show a turn of mind between you. There may be a tendency to fear the forces of nature, that shows up in a propensity for too much civilization, too much technology in your solutions.

In the eighth position: There may be disharmony between this archetype and your Physical/material Plane. The atmosphere will be less than pleasant until it is satisfied.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with the queen, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.



Queen of Swords

Sharp wit - a serious, good counselor who can give the right kind of help - having developed great spiritual depth through prolonged struggle, which reflects the mastery of a fair, objective, rational mind. Centered - it is the observing mind which considers options fairly and demands the abandonment of pretense. Always seeking clarity and truth - going beyond the masks and defenses to the depth of the person. The counselor within awakens as she seeks clarification and desires to get to the bottom of things. She symbolizes the connection between sorrow and wisdom - having faced sorrow with courage, acceptance and honesty, she has found wisdom. She uses her intellect to free herself from confusion, doubt and fear. She frowns at the world, while continuing to open her hand to it. Though clouds gather around, her head remains above in the clear air of truth - for she recognizes that neither sorrow nor courage are restricted by gender.

Be at peace with yourself - accept whatever happens without loosing your composure. Let the *"negative"* be absorbed by the light of your positive, healthy mind. Seek the truth by seeing through the illusions. Maintain a balanced mind.

Mental, assertive, perfectionist, protective, ambitious mother. Mother of solutions, philosophical, studious, alert, direct - good director or planner. A knowledgeable leader. Tactician, fighter, mother of ideas and ideals ruled by the drive of the heart. Highly informed, good communicator, mother of technology and invention - channel for thought. Here is the source of the will to achieve, to maximize the potential of the self.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you utilizing your mental and communicative abilities?
2. Who is helping you see the alternatives by pointing things out to you in a rational, perhaps critical way?
3. How are you being discriminating and analytical?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Here the intellect is applied to nurturing and caring. Here is society's librarian who is guardian of our collective knowledge, our recorded history. This is the spirit that modern society is witnessing at the turn of the twenty-first century, the spirit that asserts equal priority of the feminine principle. This is the warrior female whose causes are passions worth fighting to the death for. Joan of Arc lives in this archetype.

In the second position: This may be someone, perhaps a family member on whom you can fall back. The advice you receive here is most important. This could also suggest that you own independence is your greatest asset. You react quickly, stepping into the breach of any problem to nip it in the bud.

In the third position: Think well on this card for she is coming to you in one guise or another. As a guide and source of inspiration, she is directing you attention to your mental house, that you may increase the efficiency there.

In the fourth position: Here is the passion for esoteric knowledge of spiritual truth - an early understanding of the central importance of learning which enables us to be fully human and to realize and maximize our potential. The source of mental will which merges with emotional desire to move us upward. Ambition in a young heart.

In the fifth position: Much of this queen's energy is in the Major Arcana card Justice, which governs this very position in the spread. Your thoughts are very much on the entire process of centering, of balancing forces and of mental projects. You may, of course, be thinking of this queen personified.

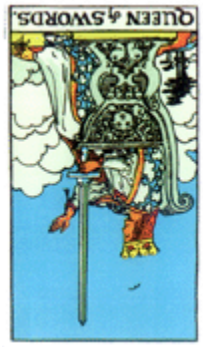
In the sixth position: This queen is in your emotional house in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then mental matters are pulling at your heart. Another possibility is that you are to be much more alert and responsible in your emotional and creative affairs.

In the seventh position: This queen is on your mental horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then the archetype is demanding attention to her programs. It is important to the realization of your goals that you integrate more of her principles into your work.

In the eighth position: The queen is in your house. This archetype will bring authority and direction to your material affairs. She may give everyone a list of things to do.

In the ninth position: Perhaps your heart is on this queen. She may be an object of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway. Her programs may dominate your feelings.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to enhance your Mental Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Queen of Swords. It may however, be the access to what she represents. She brings the knowledge and courage you need to formulate and advance your goals.



Queen of Swords (R)

Cut through any roles, masks or defenses present in yourself or your relationships. Accept your desire to be authentic with the people in your life. Recognize the people in your life who are intolerant and have a narrow outlook - they will find it difficult to see anyone else's point of view. Their perception is keen but it is also deceiving because their overemphasis on sorrow makes life worse than it is - their mind tends to ignore the good things around it. Be aware of the workings of your mind - understand how you create problems. A strong mind can create a very negative reaction to the pain or pressure that is experiencing from an unpleasant situation or person and when opposed - the mind can become so forceful that it actually *"expects"* or demands that everyone does what it wants. This mind can turn malicious and narrow minded, using its attitude to force its personality on the people around it. When and if this occurs, whether because of sorrow or egoism - this mind has lost its commitment to truth. Keep your clarity and your focus even amidst doubt, distractions and confusion. Maintain your mental balance and you will KNOW the truth.

An aggressive woman vs. unrealized potential. A mother too busy for her family vs. the mother who is always there, looking over your shoulder. Bad planner vs. the over planner. Idealist to a fault.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you utilizing your mental and communicative abilities?
2. Who is helping you see the alternatives by pointing things out to you in a rational, perhaps critical way?
3. How are you being discriminating and analytical?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will be called on to be the champion for many who need your courage.

In the second position: At one extreme you may try to be much more independent than is necessary or wise.

In the third position: This suggests that you are needed to help another or others with their mental house, to improve communication and bring order.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, you may be driven to achieve, to establish control over your affairs and if needed, the affairs of others.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this queen or she about you. As an aspect of yourself, you may be avoiding thinking about your mental affairs.

In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life, there are emotions to deal with here as one or the other of you turn away.

In the seventh position: If this represents someone already in your life, this may show a turn of mind between you. There may some fear of authority. Or, there may be abuse of authority.

In the eighth position: Just who does this queen think she is anyway? The problem here may be in how to get her out of your house while you still can.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with this queen, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of your hearts sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Queen of Wands

Self discovery, sensitivity and spirit - awakening to the deepest essence of who you are as your love of home and the appreciation of nature is translated into feeling and understanding. Your attractive personality draws people to you because you just naturally love life and people. You see no purpose or value in deceit, control or dominance. Your attitude is sensible and you are most helpful when providing good advice. People do not fear asking you for assistance because they KNOW they will be helped if it is at all possible.

Allow your physical senses to alert and reveal, follow your natural perception. See through the disguised and unseen. See danger and *"feel"* opportunity. Sound practical judgment is needed in your business affairs now - financial gains are possible from people in authority. It is very important that you understand the feelings and emotions of others now - exercise your generosity and patience as negative, stubborn, domineering qualities begin to surface.

For a person who loves life with a fiery joy - the world appears to respond by protecting them from harm and sending them joyous experiences. It is time that you recognize your personal power and begin to display your self - confidence, generosity, burning passions and desires. Behave spontaneously and free your quick temper by utilizing your creative energies and inspiring those energies in others. Radiate from within - reveal and transform, heal and transmute - let your spirit soar. See, hear, feel, sense and taste the truth. Strive for sharp perception as you defend your position and integrity.

Intuitive, spiritual, vibrant, fiery, introspective, humorous, mother of beliefs, benevolent, dedicated, philosophical guide, spiritual advisor, spiritual nurse, mystic, metaphysician, natural leader by example - ruled by the drive of the heart. Channel for divine insight, inner confidence, spiritual energy/drive.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you expressing your creative energies?
2. Who is giving you lots of good ideas and energy?
3. When do you feel powerful and passionate?
4. Who is strong - willed and protective?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is to bear witness to everything you experience, sharing your entire life at all of its levels and in so doing motivate others to do likewise. This is to show the correctness of things in your actions so that others may follow.

In the second position: This may be someone, perhaps a family member on whom you can fall back. The accuracy of your information and its relevance to the future are decided advanteges to doing the right thing at the right time.

In the third position: Think well on this card for she is coming to you in one guise or another. As a guide and source of inspiration, she is directing your attention directly to your spiritual house, that you may increase the efficiency there.

In the fourth position: Your earliest tapes of imprint are of this spiritual figure of authority, perhaps you own mother. But it could be of an older family figure such as a grandmother or of course someone outside the family, perhaps someone famous whom you came to admire.

In the fifth position: The Queen of Wands occupies your thoughts, either in her person or her characteristics. The soothing effect of this passive centering is the enviable state of many meditations. From here much can be accomplished.

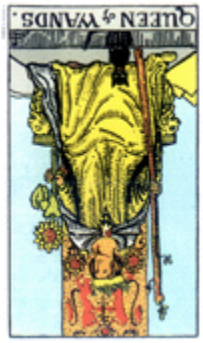
In the sixth position: This queen is in your emotional horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then spiritual matters are pulling at your heart. The message content of your creative work may be raised. Your relationships may take on a deeper significance.

In the seventh position: This queen is on your mental horizon in the near future. If she is not presenting herself in person, then the archetype is demanding attention to her programs. It is important to the realization of your goals that you integrate more of her principles into your work.

In the eighth position: The queen is in your house. Her energy should bathe everything in a warm glow. The healing here transcends the physical, as it is a centering of all four levels that is taking place.

In the ninth position: The Queen of Wands fills your heart. She may be the centerpiece of your affection or the centerpiece of a creative project underway. Her programs may dominate your feelings.

In the tenth position: Here is the support, the energy and resources that you need to enhance your Spiritual Plane and it may well come in the physical personage of the Queen of Wands. It may however, be the access to what she represents.



Queen of Wands (R)

Recognize the people in your life who are narrow minded, possessive, manipulative and controlling. The people who are vindictive, take a domineering approach and are exceptionally strict and unbending - always demanding that life respond in a positive way. Too much disaster or opposition from life can turn them deceitful, unfaithful and bitter.

It is essential that you demonstrate your self - trust now. Do not abandon yourself in any way. Your internal and external experiences are revealing self - knowledge. Your basic good nature and positive attitudes, as well as your energy make you invaluable in a crisis or disaster, for you just naturally support others in crisis - while at the same time offering good advice, consultation and emotional support. See with intensity - remove any obstructions to your clear view. KNOW the "dark side" - bridge the conscious and the subconscious and discern which avenue will produce the best results for everyone concerned.

Distortion - too a greater or lesser degree. A fire and brimstone personality - out of touch with reality, undeveloped spirituality.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you expressing your creative energies?
2. Who is giving you lots of good ideas and energy?
3. When do you feel powerful and passionate?
4. Who is strong - willed and protective?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: In the extreme, this can be a lifetime given over entirely to getting more of God's message into the Earth plane. It can be much more difficult for those around you than for you who understand what is taking place.

In the second position: The people or the guides on whom you have relied are not available/reliable in the present situation.

In the third position: This suggests that you are needed to help another or others with their spiritual house.

In the fourth position: Distorted, this otherwise very healthy archetype can become a block instead of a blueprint/foundation for love and creativity. At one extreme, the figure is idolized and idealized and real life will find it hard to compete. At the other extreme, the future is loathed and by extension either all women or all of certain types of women are not to be loved/trusted.

In the fifth position: You may think adversely about this queen or she about you. Confusion or subversion of a message may be taking place.

In the sixth position: If this is someone already in your life, there are emotions to deal with here as one or the other of you turn away.

In the seventh position: If this represents someone already in your life, this may show a turn of mind between you. There may be a lack of confidence derivative from a fear of the unknown or of listening to inaccurate or inappropriate sources.

In the eighth position: There is little that can cause more trouble than intercepting someone else's message and working with it like it was your own.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be involved with the queen, but rather not be. Or, the opposite, this can be the symbol of her heart's sadness over this person.

In the tenth position: Much of this blessing will be passed through you to others.

Seven of Cups

The greater you stretch yourself, the more fear there will be. Where fear exists, there is also the opportunity for growth. Don't hold back now - move on. Use your fear to catapult you forward. Wonderful visions must be grounded in both action and the outer realities of life or they will remain only day dreams, without any real meaning or value. Rise above your circumstances. Be realistic now and narrow down your choices using your common sense. Visualize the possibilities and see clearly in your mind the good things for the future. With your skills and abilities so well developed - it is time to decide where and how to use them - allow your mind explore the potentials.

You have begun to include others as extensions of the self. As the self approaches the ideal of universal love it must somehow accommodate the world as extension of the self. Here is a taking stock, a look at the material interface, a harvesting at the emotional level and then a reinvestment in the emotional future. As such you must open up to take a good look at your emotional storage bins. In the process, not only do you survey your progress to date, but in a sense you open up Pandora's Box. It is a test for all relationships and for any creative affairs. Its function is not to destroy what we already have, rather to expand and enrich as we move out into and eventually through, our extended family in the lessons of the higher Cups. If our existing relationships are not up to facilitating this enrichment, we may be asked to leave them behind and should we not do so, they will wither and fall away of their own accord, for rest assured everyone's emotional karma demands growth and inclusion, not exclusion. The result is a barrage of new opportunities and you are becoming fully aware of them. Here are the positive aspects of fantasy, of myth.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you overdoing or indulging yourself?
2. What are your fantasies for the future? List at least seven.
3. What are your current daydreams?
4. How are you deluding yourself?
5. What mystical or religious visions are you experiencing?
6. How are you gratifying your senses?

Special Messages:

- **Next to World**: Look at your life and be prepared to make decisions - do not be afraid - attainment can be yours.
- **Next to Lovers**: Be considerate of others when making important changes in your life - your path is broad enough for two.
- **Next to Wheel of Fortune**: You can become very successful if you seek out the right advice before moving ahead.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your life will be the stuff myths are made of. Everything that happens will carry emotional weight that others will find fascinating and want to measure for themselves. You cannot help but be visible and set an example of how life is meant to be experienced.

In the second position: Your base may appear solid and indeed it may be as reliable as granite, but its pieces are highly energized and mobile. Its strength is in the number of pieces and the quickness with which you can cover your bases. Your physical strength is your physical involvement in numerous arenas.

In the third position: Now is the correct time to try many new things. Save for the encouragement of this reading, you would most likely turn down some extraordinary opportunities. These are not things you have done much of before.

In the fourth position: Two actresses will anchor our wide span of the positive side here. First, Katherine Hepburn whose range of emotional awareness and experience challenges the limits of human understanding and yet with a personal life centering on few partners, principally one - Spencer Tracy whom she never married. Second, Elizabeth Taylor, whose range is also challenging to mere mortals and with a personal life splashed with many true loves whom she married.

In the fifth position: Is your bed covered with travel brochures? Making a list, checking it twice? To say that you have plans is an understatement.

In the sixth position: In the near future your emotional/creative palate will be full with the rewards of the past as you reap an

emotional harvest. How do you reinvest? Which energies do you use and which do you conserve? Here your heart must review the many possibilities for the future. In what do you plant your emotional seeds for the new season?

In the seventh position: This will be a time when the creative juices will flow with little or no encouragement. Your sensitivity will be at a peak, your mind abuzz with possibilities. Serious decisions will be made to successfully transform your Emotional/ creative Plane into a broader, more productive use of your full potential.

In the eighth position: Your physical body and/or your material world is undergoing a range of experiences perhaps more varied and powerful than anything yet to cross your path. Enjoy, it's all delicious and just what the doctor ordered.

In the ninth position: There is great satisfaction with your emotional and creative affairs as they have been fruitful for you. Your heart wishes to bring a wealth of new energy into that circle and to be even more fruitful, as it anticipates the next level of growth on your path.

In the tenth position: Begin now to prepare for the third and highest level of your emotional path. Whereas in the first level, self was concerned with the individual and in the second level self grew into concern of others as extensions of itself - here in the third level - the self is growing into concern with the world as extension of self as it approaches universal love.

Seven of Cups (R)

You are experiencing worry, anxiety and fear - feeling timid, insecure and defensive. Allow yourself to experience your emotions - KNOW what you really want. Look at your deepest desires and recognize which goal has enough meaning and power to sustain you - then focus all your energy on it. Focusing on all of your desires and allowing them to break your attention will eventually tear you apart. Experience your determination to create something from your dreams and do something with them.

An unexpected event will take place now - it will be beneficial and improve your attitude, for it will be a definite change for the better. Believe and always trust that you are on the right track - continue to pursue your goal without wasting time, for success is yours in time. Watch for any glimmer of success and follow it through - never give up your ideas - even when it is hard to carry them through. Ignore any opposition - offer your insecurity up in prayer and it will be replaced with spiritual strength. Persist in studying and you will reap great rewards.

A lack of emotional resources in spite of good efforts. A poor emotional harvest resulting from personal error or natural disaster. A shortage of energy and emotional awareness of your next step. A delay or block with a new emotional cycle. Problems, difficulties of emotional greed or an overly strong sexual appetite. Escaping into fantasy, emotional confusion, difficulty in choosing or defining your emotional path. Envy of another's relationships, not satisfied with what you have or coveting another's partner. Immaturity in emotional or creative matters, the lack of proper emotional or sexual experiences resulting in disrespect in emotional affairs.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You are certainly ready for this archetype as your principal card of karmic purpose, otherwise you would not be given it. Nevertheless, as when one's intention is to walk on hot coals, one must remain focused and disciplined and all will go well.

In the second position: Your resources are only as reliable as the energy you have had to sustain them and you may end up having to rob Peter to pay Paul. Every facet of your life may seem to be in motion. As long as you can keep juggling, nothing will fall.

In the third position: Get ready, things may get a little bumpy for there are many things coming across your path that you have little experience with. Some are right for you, others are not, so pick with care. The rest of the reading will help you prepare.

In the fourth position: The passion here is a rejection of the fuller experience of emotions, which at its extreme might resemble the Victorian attitude.

In the fifth position: What an appetite! The problem may be that you have many plans rather than a plan. You may just be spinning mental wheels.

In the sixth position: At one extreme too many things, inner and outer will vie for your attention. Much of it is undesirable confusion. In such a period of sensory overload, it is best when unsure of any offer, to turn it down. There are no opportunities offered in such a climate that you cannot live without. At the other extreme, there will be a dearth of harvest and/or opportunity.

This too will pass and do not accept or force any situations out of boredom or impatience.

In the seventh position: There can be too much or too little creativity flowing and caution should be exercised.

In the eighth position: Life may feel a little bit like a grade B hollywood movie. Most of these opportunities are not for you. But take notes, it will make interesting reading in your autobiography, that you had these chances and turned them down.

In the ninth position: Check the motivations here, for what is appropriate should be good for the emotional package at hand, for you and your extended family - not for just you alone. Your heart may be confused with unexpected and possibly mysterious opportunities.

In the tenth position: This reinvestment in your emotional/creative future will be made more difficult by either of the extremes - too may choices or too few choices. Be patient and do not throw the baby out with the bath water.

Seven of Pentacles

You are experiencing a cycle of change that will affect your income for the better. Break through the blocks that prevent you from achieving your highest potential. Free your talents by shedding the weight of any psychological or emotional resistance. Move through your old fears of failure - evaluate the results of your efforts and assess your mistakes so that you can learn from them. Be patient - this cycle is changing and re-arranging your life. You will know growth through good honest effort and hard work. Plan your next move during this pause in activity. You are in the process of making a major decision. There will be a welcome change in your financial situation - so stop worrying! Meaningful work gives more than material benefits - you grow as you experience a moment of looking back with satisfaction on something you have accomplished, knowing that what you have built has reached the point that it can grow by itself and you can step back from it without collapsing it. Use the energy of your *"fears"* to propel you forward - concentrate your strength - act with will and determination.

New cycles and directions based on previous achievements, such as the harvest which must save part of the crop for seeding next year's planting as opposed to the totally new beginnings of the Aces. Here are the material results of hard physical work and the shifting from one aspect of a task to another, as in from farming to harvesting/storage. A shift from one job to another within a company or a given field. There is abundant supply, enough for reserves. Ample food supply. Inventory, taking stock of material worth. Savings, investments, good results of a fund drive. A healthy budget for the next phase. Harnessing of, yet harmony with nature. A ripeness, maturity, preparedness. An advanced level of establishment, cycles of security over a number of years. Physically and materially worldly, experienced. Here is the professional, one who knows the ins and outs of their livelihood and has become inseparable from it. Aspects of real property, real estate. A good season in business, especially retail. A significant stature has been achieved at this point. Aristocratic in all the good senses of the term.

Questions to Answer:

1. What is growing and maturing that you are concerned about?
2. What do you fear will fail or be spoiled?
3. What mistakes did you make in a past similar situation and what can you do differently now?
4. What investments have you made in time, money or labor that worry you?
5. How have your efforts been worthwhile?

Special Messages:

- **Nine of Cups and Wheel of Fortune in the spread**: Your intuitive powers are acute now and you can make important decisions.
- **Three Sevens in the spread**: Consider everything before making your choice - you are surrounded by changes and opportunities.
- **Next to Empress**: It is best not to be too critical or concerned if you do not receive instant approval from your partner.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your path will bear the mark of the aristocrat, with all the advantages and responsibilities accruing thereto. Part of your arsenal is your distinguished bearing, broadcasting your level of knowledge and achievement in pragmatic affairs, affecting the lives of many.

In the second position: Your physical resources are just that, your physical resources. You may draw at will on the reserves amassed through your past efficiencies. You have been in harmony with your environment.

In the third position: Prepare for the harvest time or for the new planting, as this represents the cusp of reinvigoration. Summon the maturity of your wealth of experience, for this is a turning point, a new direction for the course you have already begun. Collect the assets that are yourse, claiming all debts that are due. An increase in material appetite is appropriate, albeit with greater selectivity.

In the fourth position: Your passion lies in the handling of the harvest. Here also are the tapes for the consummate professional. The gourmet chef fits here, as does the organic farmer or an investment banker. The deft handling of resources to bring about increase and pleasure is the common denominator.

In the fifth position: Taking stock of the harvest and/or making plans for the next major turning point in your Physical/material Plane. You are confident that you have the resources you need.

In the sixth position: When the silos are full again in the near future, you will have the dynamics of change at work in your Emotional Plane, impacting relationships and/or creative affairs.

In the seventh position: What to do? How to collect wisely? How to spend wisely? The responsibility for investing wisely the results of your's and others' past labors.

In the eighth position: You are selling some of your old stock to invest in new issues or in order to collect capitol for investing in some other new venture. Taking energy accrued in the past and putting it to work for the future. A shift in jobs within the same company or field.

In the ninth position: There is a warmth, a sense of satisfaction at a job well done, enriched by the security your past efforts have afforded. There is also the excitement of anticipation of the next phase of growth.

In the tenth position: Begin now to prepare for the shift from past to future that marks the selection of the next major fork on your path. Your physical environment, any of the major elements of your Physical/material Plane, especially livelihood, may be involved.

Seven of Pentacles (R)

You are experiencing dissatisfaction - the trapped feeling that comes from an unsatisfying lifestyle, job, relationship or commitment. Face and move through the self-doubts that raise your fear of failure and the apprehension that your work will all be for nothing. No matter what you do - there is a certain point that you have to wait for the results and allow the fruit to ripen in its own time. Calculate your odds, sow the seeds most likely to grow - let go of your expectations and cultivate patience. When you experience anxiety and depression related to your finances, do not allow these anxious thoughts to create depression. Learn from the lesson being presented and understand that when you are centered on feeling sorry for yourself - you are unable to carry on with your project and your own impatience can ruin everything. Make no rash decisions now - before you move ahead, always think carefully and ask yourself "*Is this what I really want*?" Maintain balance on all levels and take care that you do not hurt anyone during the transition.

A lack of resources, perhaps in spite of good efforts. A poor harvest. The next phase may require a tightening of the belt, budgeting or rationing. Delay or blockage with new cycle. Immaturity in a physical/material matter. A lack of physical readiness for the next phase. A rift with nature - attempting too much control over...a natural disaster destroying mans prosperity. Theft, someone else harvesting your crops.

Questions to Answer:

1. What is growing and maturing that you are concerned about?
2. What do you fear will fail or be spoiled?
3. What mistakes did you make in a similar situation and what can you do differently now?
4. What investments have you made in time, money or labor that worry you?
5. How have your efforts been worthwhile?

Special Messages:

- **Nine of Cups and Wheel of Fortune in the spread**: Your intuitive powers are acute now - you can make important decisions.
- **Three Sevens in the spread**: Consider everything before making your choice - you are surrounded by changes and opportunities.
- **Next to Empress**: It is best not to be too critical or concerned if you do not receive instant approval from your partner.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: In your line, it has fallen to your generation to make something new of the seeds you were given. You may not even get to plant the same crop or use the same field. You must continue the old while initiating the new.

In the second position: You may have miscalculated and do not have what you think you have or what you need, for the project at hand. There may be resources, but they are not yours. There could have even been theft here. You may have killed the golden goose.

In the third position: Do not try to rely on any resources that are not yours. Curb your appetite.

In the fourth position: Too much in this archetype can lead to avarice, gluttony and the like. Little appreciation for the next generation. You may lust after what belongs to others.

In the fifth position: Perhaps you do not feel prepared for the next move. You may be eyeing resources that are not yours.

In the sixth position: If silos are overflowing or if the harvest was unsuccessful, there are emotional ramifications.

In the seventh position: Responsibility for material affairs can degenerate into fear of severe loss and at this level more than its ramifications to your personal safety and security, is the potential effect on many others.

In the eighth position: The extreme that would be feared here most would be the loss due to bad investment. But the other extreme has its potential drawbacks - the harvest here might have been inordinately large, such as over-promotion above the level of compentency at this time.

In the ninth position: Whether the harvest was in fact good or it failed, the sense here is not satisfaction. The reaction could be straight forward disappointment or it could be facetious celebration.

In the tenth position: The fork presented within this next year will have drawbacks that you must seriously consider.

Seven of Swords

Stabilize your mind. Your belief system is your natural grounding - your mental foundation from which you can take great leaps of consciousness, then return to regroup and renew. You have wit and cunning, the ability to create plans and strategies. When the odds seem to be against you - seek a way to disarm the enemy. You have the ability to take the potential *"sting"* out of any situation by forethought and preparation - using your ability to take care of details.

Do something daring that proves your bravery, skill, speed and cunning. If it looks like things may not work out the way you have planned them - have an alternate way to go. Apply your mental energy to every task and prepare your ground for later action. You are perfecting your wisdom, gaining maturity as you learn to control your power, emotions and intuition. If you find yourself unable to get anyone's help - ask yourself if you are perhaps *"hiding"* your true plans and intentions? Seek *"inner"* guidance and the solutions will be presented.

You have begun to include others as extensions of the self. Here the higher physical aspect of mind, its dedication and application in the hard realities of the world, but with the goal of proving to itself the existence of God in everything, to rationalize faith through the actual experience of divinity in the physical world. This is a time for mental harvesting, for analysis/measuring of progress in preparation for the next round of thought, decision and action. A bit of a perfectionist. Here is the informed, the qualified, the certified, the approved, the accepted. Education, particularly advanced education, schooling with a definite purpose. Investigation and research - observation and recording. Speaking out, advancing your opinions. Physically carrying out mental projects. Materializing ideas into mechanics. Moving information. News, Communication, publishing, writing, editing, computers, storage of information.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you "appropriating"?
2. Who are you deceiving?
3. What is your strategy to achieve your ends?
4. What research are you doing?
5. What ideas are you collecting?
6. How are you maneuvering the outcome?
7. What is confusing you?
8. What can you do to drop your defenses and become more open?
9. What are the weaknesses in your plan, research or work?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Fool**: You are too changeable and inconsistent, try to be more positive.
- **All the Sevens in the spread**: This is an important point in your life - a major cycle change. You will be starting over under new conditions.
- **Next to Nine of Cups**: You will receive what you want, but not necessarily in the way you want it.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The mind is enlisted in the highest uses of intellect, in learning and communicating the lessons which transform the lowly ego into the higher self which is identifying with the world/universe. This is the procession of self to Self.

In the second position: The information, the knowledge you hold in store, is your greatest asset and much of it goes with you wherever you go. If all else were stripped from you - you could rebuild from this kernel.

In the third position: Better clean out those files, it is mental moving day. Save only what is necessary for a valid reference for future projects. Also, purge the memory of unneeded trivia. Review procedures, study/work habits. The mind has serious work to do.

In the fourth position: Here is the passion of the intellectual, the love of books, of study and knowledge and in contemporary times the computer whiz with an enormous appetite for information.

In the fifth position: The mental plane shifts gears. Plans now involve hard data, depth of evaluation. You are stepping forward with your agenda. While speaking out is always a feature of the higher swords, this feels more like speech writing than speech making.

In the sixth position: As the mind seeks higher and higher truth, all that has gone before must pass through these new tests, this

new gate of authenticity. What was once satisfactory at a lower level may no longer suffice. But everything that was part of our true path will pass through the gate leading to the inner courtyard.

In the seventh position: Here the passion for knowledge and the passion for truth should be one and the same in order to progress rapidly and safely. You will accept the challenge of your intellect.

In the eighth position: Here are the physical/material ramifications of your mental harvest and new planting season to come. New work or relocation may be in the offing to accommodate this major shift.

In the ninth position: The heart gives thanks for what the mind has accomplished, yet yearns for a new cycle of learning and mental involvement. It is hungry for the environment of the inner courtyard leading to the garden of Eden, where the fragrance of wisdom fills the air and stirs the senses with an almost unbearable sweetness.

In the tenth position: This is a time for validation, for you must build now on what you believe to be the truth, as you must now work to contribute to the truth. As you increase your ability to focus and you see in minute detail the wonders around you, your mind will easily support the projects your heart is pulling you towards.

Seven of Swords (R)

Listen carefully now - someone may be offering you the advice and help you need. Your situation isn't half as bad as you *"think"* it is. You will always have something returned if you do not neglect good advice. Stop sabotaging yourself - release this "yes - but" attitude. You KNOW what you want - stop trying to convenience yourself that you can not have it. Move through this negative thinking - focus on listening to your *"inner"* voice and this isolation will turn into communication. Seek advice on what to do about your problems. As valuable as specific instruction is - just as important is your readiness to listen and seek help through the *"act"* of finding help - a reader, a therapist or even a friend. You alone can decide which course - independence or seeking advice - will produce the best results. Open your mind, release the blocks - free your imagination and satisfy your curiosity.

Inefficient editing of our mental track record - cutting out too much or leaving too much in. Perfectionist to a fault. There may be plagiarism, professional jealousy, extreme exaggeration or lying. Improper application of the intellect in general - hiding your thoughts from others.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: There is much hard study and dedication required here but no more than your soul is capable of embracing with enthusiasm.

In the second position: Check all of your information vaults to be certain this commodity is secure from any man made or natural disaster.

In the third position: Be certain that the mind is properly engaged. Is your information correct? Allocate credit where credit is due.

In the fourth position: Knowledge for knowledge's sake has many wrong forks which will take you far from your soul's true goals. This love, like all others, must be a means to an end...which then becomes a means...and so on.

In the fifth position: There may be mental retreat, a regrouping. You may be aware of some inaccuracy or untruth.

In the sixth position: Your penchant for truth must be handled delicately, not like a mace to punish others for their lack of comprehension or in-authenticity.

In the seventh position: In one extreme there can be fear of knowledge itself, a sensing of what you would rather not believe, in every day affairs or in the headier realms of metaphysical reality where knowledge made you face the work of your Karmic Contract.

In the eighth position: Such changes to work or residence, if proper, will seem obvious and need not be forced. Do not play with information or its sources to support predeterminations. Let the information speak for itself.

In the ninth position: The process of thanksgiving must be complete before any new invocation can be heard.

In the tenth position: This may be a major fork wherein you choose consciously a lesser fork than would take you more directly to your life purpose.

Seven of Wands

Face up to this situation - assert your point of view, stand by what you value and never compromise or settle for less. Rest now - you are under pressure in this situation. You will see things more clearly in time for you are blessed with inner strength and can hold on in any adversity. Prepare to defend the very basics in your life - it will require courage and responsibility. Stand by what you value and things will unfold, regenerate and renew themselves - allowing you to move in directions that you value.

You will require the assistance of others now, strength and energy will be needed, for you will be required to test your mettle to prove yourself against the competition - only then will you know whether you have mastered your lessons. Trust in your intuition and past experiences - have the nerve, sense of purpose and determination to meet the challenges that will be presented now. Stand up to opposition without backing down. When you are fired up about something, you speak your ideas and stand up for your values, you have the courage to face the odds and overcome the obstacles. Your leadership abilities will surface as your opponents test your limitations - continue to build your mastery.

You have begun to include others as an extension of the self. Distinction between self will and the will of God diminishes, then disappears. The higher physical aspect of the Spiritual Plane. The foundation is laid for the integration of the body, the heart and the mind with the spiritual. They must perfect the art of remaining separate while becoming one. You are enlightened enough to function as one with the environment and everything else as duality merges into the One. The paradox is that this state of enlightenment sets you apart from others not yet at that stage. The test is to not let enlightenment separate you from those less enlightened - it should make you less separate. Here faith has crystallized into its mature form for this incarnation - but its defenses against other forms is still necessary - for it is mature but not complete. Your belief system is put to the test by physical realities. Taking a stand. Strong character and integrity. There is major new input on the spiritual level. Unsolicited advice may appear. There are physical things which must be considered in order to advance further. The lessons are to correct any flaws in your belief systems which could prevent proper development and advancement. Resolve. Conviction. Here is a warrior, certainly spiritual, but otherwise as well - the defender. You cannot fight for one minute unless you are fighting for something you believe in.

Questions to Answer:

1. What beliefs or opinions are you holding onto despite criticism and social pressure?
2. Who are you up against?
3. Are you being loyal to yourself?
4. What result would you ideally like if it could be anything you wanted?
5. How can you most effectively take a stand and present your point of view?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Hanged Man**: Give in - being stubborn will not solve anything and it can damage your character.
- **Next to Death**: Slow down - it isn't worth it. You are going about things the wrong way.
- **Next to Temperance**: Re-evaluate your situation - you need more time to reach your goal.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The initiate has reached and will enter the gate to the inner courtyard leading to the garden of Eden. The feeling bears some resemblance to reaching puberty; an innocence is lost but more is gained.

In the second position: Your clarity of purpose and resolve can always be relied upon. With your eye clearly on your goals, you simply will not give up. And while you know your position at all times, likewise you know the positions of your adversaries.

In the third position: You are being filled with a sense of purpose, as you identify more and more clearly the meaning of spirituality in your life, in the daily function of your Mental, Emotional and Physical Planes.

In the fourth position: There is some of Joan of Arc here, in the passion for the battle itself. Where would faith be without its defenders, its Knights Templar, its holy warriors. The act of defense frames the boundaries of the faith.

In the fifth position: The clearer your mind becomes, the more defined your position. You are aware that you have drawn your spiritual line in the sand.

In the sixth position: As you discover what is truly important to you and begin to move and act with conviction, you will be rocking the boat of your present establishment of relationships and the conduct of your creative affairs. Oddly enough, your

expansion of appreciation in the Mental and Physical Planes may prove bothersome to many, threatening to others.

In the seventh position: There are many versions of Satan's fall from grace as the result of his refusal to bow down before God's new creation, man. So too are we tempted not to bow before our fellow man. The lesson here is that we must bow down before one another as recognition of the divinity that resides within everything.

In the eighth position: Here is the proof that spiritality is a contact sport. You are up to your neck in witnessing, in physically implementing your beliefs. Integration of spirituality into the physical daily regimen is taking place. This is the early appearance of Zen, wherein everything done is infused with an awareness of its importance in the overall scheme of things, nothing is unimportant and so is done with care. Also, the early appearance of Hatha Yoga and other body work/body movement systems which reflect this same depth of awareness of God in the body and nature.

In the ninth position: You are empowered by your excitement at having discovered your center, your way of linking the past with the future, your place in the present.

In the tenth position: Your next lesson requires you to integrate your lofty ideals in a very pragmatic ways. Your spirituality must be worn on your sleeve - not in loud, garish colors - but in sensitive and sensible observation in daily habits.

Seven of Wands (R)

When you achieve a position of leadership, there will always be others who crop up to challenge you. You will have to face the jealousy of those who want what you have. You will encounter situations when it will *"appear"* that everyone is against you - be realistic about the odds you face. *"Feel"* the strength within you, don't allow fear to discourage you - recognize that your position is always stronger than you think it is. Never be indecisive or allow yourself to sink into anxiety or depression. Come to a clear course of action and your self - confidence will return to overcome the anxieties and outer problems. Always have complete trust in your *"inner"* voice. Remain patient, make no unwise decisions - do not feel threatened, for you are never alone.

Paranoia. Unnecessary precaution or hesitation. Lack of sufficient conviction on professed beliefs. Cowardice.

Questions to Answer:

1. What beliefs or opinions are you holding on to, despite criticism and social pressure?
2. Who are you up against?
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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This lifetime represents a major jump in responsibility for the knowledge you are about to receive on this leg of your journey, but you are ready.

In the second position: Shore up any cracks in your purpose and resolve before committing to any new campaigns. You may have manpower and material, but your validity and/or your resolve is questionable.

In the third position: While decisions and action will come easily, so does reaction. But now that you know what your ground is, you can stand and defend it. You may be bombarded with unsolicited advice.

In the fourth position: While this archetype recognizes that the love here includes, by necessity of this path a taste for blood to pique one's courage, a pitfall here would be in losing sight of the faith, the cause behind the fight. At an extreme, this reader would love the fight purely for itself.

In the fifth position: Rather than taking up a position for something, you may be setting yourself up against something. Work toward the positive, not against the negative. You will draw more than enough adversaries to keep you busy.

In the sixth position: Look for what you love, not for what you detest.

In the seventh position: At one extreme, a refusal to see the value in another man's proposition and to yield to it is a refusal of God's command as surely as Satan's misunderstanding and subsequent disobedience.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, there may be a serious contest, a battle to defend your position, your beliefs. At the other extreme, you may not be standing up for them at all. Here the Physical/material Plane is not seen with enough reverence.

In the ninth position: Now that you are discovering your spiritual muscle, you have the urge to exercise it. This suggests that you may not be concerned enough with where and why you display your new strength.

In the tenth position: Do not become so preoccupied with defending your present position that you stop growing.

Six of Cups

You are experiencing the presence of healing, revitalizing, renewing, regenerating emotional pleasure. Happiness will come from past memories. A new relationship and environment is now possible - you will experience the harmony of natural forces without effort or strain. A chance to relocate, a new job offer, new friends who will have much in common - an inheritance that will bring surprises. You will experience the exchange of love and pleasure that two people can bring to each other. Take advantage of your opportunities to let dear ones know how you feel - do not hold back. You are a romantic who will always fall for the hearts-and-flowers routine, you enjoy being showered with love and you are hungry for tender words and a caring touch. Benevolent emotions, dreams, sweet memories - warm, secure feelings that help you face current problems. Giving and receiving - the teacher or protector gives wisdom and security to the student, friend or family member.

Here are the feelings of love and respect, caring involvement in the emotional and creative affairs of those closest to you, especially the family. The level of the sixes teaches the necessity for expansion beyond the self, not only into our blood relatives, but into the broader range of an extended family with which we can share the close emotions formerly reserved only for our bloodline. Good memories of the sort only intimacy, interdependence and time well spent can bring. Emotional and creative generosity, self-sacrifice. Sincerity, good manners, charm, compliments, sincere flattery, sympathy/empathy. Work, professions relying on these qualities. Emotional recognition.

Questions to Answer:

1. What memories or relationships from the past have reappeared?
2. What insight or awareness have they provided?
3. What is renewing and revitalizing you?
4. What is bringing you pleasure?
5. How are children or childlike enjoyments meaningful in your current situation?
6. What do you give in friendship?
7. What kind of friend are you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Moon**: You hold concerns from some misunderstanding in the past - see the situation realistically and put it to rest.
- **Next to Strength**: You can achieve your goals - old dreams can become new, shiny, attainable ideas.
- **Next to Hierophant, Emperor or Empress**: A Karmic lesson must be understood and corrected. A meaningful relationship is clouded with misunderstanding or lack of tolerance.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The progress made in your Emotional Plane will allow you to practice the lessons of emotional generosity. The people closest to you will be the primary beneficiaries.

In the second position: Your having participated in the lessons of emotional/creative give and take have prepared you for the unpredictable in your Physical/material Plane. You and your extended family will cover each other's bases in time of need. Your reserves include the time and energy available in your family storehouse.

In the third position: Balanced giving and/or receiving in your Emotional/creative Plane are most important now. Your circumstances probably make it fairly obvious which you need to consider most. If not, the reading is dedicated to this subject and will shed the necessary light that you need.

In the fourth position: You desire most of all to have the energy and emotional means to provide love and care to those most important to you. While this sounds like good old - fashioned mothering, here the difference is this love and care you desire is a step removed from the ego. These people do not have to be your children or your family. For example: This could be the motivation that leads a person to become a director of a shelter for abused women and children.

In the fifth position: You are already aware that you are in an expansion of your capacity for loving care, for healing and all the affairs of the Emotional/creative Plane. Whether you have been helping others or have accepted help from others, you will have advanced in the cause of your emotional path. You are mentally on top of these emotional matters.

In the sixth position: In the near future there is an act, or a wave, of emotional generosity that reverberates through your life

and/or the lives of your loved ones.

In the seventh position: There will be a new level of familial interaction and caring that you must integrate into your personal activities and goals.

In the eighth position: Emotional contributions to the physical situation bring about a marked improvement. This can range from something as light - hearted as your brightening up a social occasion to your making someone feel better.

In the ninth position: You are warmed by the glow of healthy love that surrounds you and to which you contribute your fair share. The feelings here are open and sincere. You are becoming one with these people and your commitment will be lasting. They are to be a part of you now.

In the tenth position: A situation requiring balanced giving and/or receiving in your Emotional/creative Plane will arise and be most important in the near future. Your circumstances should make it clear which is the case - if not, the reading will shed the necessary light that you need.

Six of Cups (R)

After experiencing disappointment and hurt - you face the real test - are you willing to accept an apology, to forgive and let go of the pain? Love with the trust and receptivity of a child and out of this pleasurable experience you will be regenerated and renewed to such an extent that pleasure and the sense of pleasure will be extended to everyone around you. *"Delays"* only test your strength and will - do not react - just be quiet, still and center yourself within.

When a special event that you have been looking forward to is postponed - be willing to release it and accept the changes. When you experience disappointment with something received - consider releasing yourself from that relationship or stifling situation. You have been *"down"* too long - focus your attitude and move towards action - always look towards the future. Disturbed memories from the past are creating these feelings of alienation as you experience the breakdown of a relationship which was based on one person protecting or teaching the other. Let go, experience your grief and you will be regenerated. Cry and your light will shine again. Liberate your feelings and you liberate your spirit.

Nostalgia to a fault (yearning to return to the past or an unrecoverable condition). Sentimentality - too much family/friends . You cannot extend for the sake of extending. Rushing into or extending relationships with people not suited for or appropriate to your path. Just as we are not meant to bed with or mate with everyone we meet - neither are we to bond with just anyone. Many tests of give and take reciprocity are required. Being a blood relative is automatic but it does not entitle one to privileges not earned. All relationships must establish their mutual bonds of love and respect by their actions - not by their birth and in the case of marriages - not by fact of law. Bad memories - too emotional for the given circumstances...insincere flattery.

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6. What do you give in friendship?
7. What kind of friend are you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Moon**: You still have concerns from a misunderstanding in the past - see the situation realistically now and put it to rest.
- **Next to Strength**: You can now achieve your goals as old dreams become new, shining, attainable ideas.
- **Next to Hierophant, Emperor or Empress**: A Karmic lesson must be understood and corrected - a meaningful relationship is clouded with misunderstanding or the lack of tolerance.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The emotional/creative demands made upon you may be great, but nothing so great as to interfere with completion of your karmic purpose. Just the opposite, all difficulties will support your purpose.

In the second position: Your reserves may not be what you think they are. You may not be able to call in your chips.

In the third position: There has been a serious imbalance here and it is urgent that it be corrected now. Review the general meaning (inverted) of the Six of Cups for guidance if necessary.

In the fourth position: This person requires the immersion in a thick family atmosphere with rich interdependence.

In the fifth position: You are aware that you are expanding your capacity for loving, healing and all affairs of the Emotional/creative plane and advancing your emotional path. You are mentally on top of these emotional matters, but...perhaps you have decided something incorrectly. Think carefully - who is doing what for whom? Are the energies flowing in the right direction?

In the sixth position: In the near future there is an act, or a wave, of emotional generosity that reverberates through your life and the lives of your loved ones. This emotional exchange will be more than the doctor ordered - perhaps embarrassing, perhap infuriating.

In the seventh position: There will be concern about the nature and benefit of relationships with your loved ones. Honestly and

sincerity may cut through some of your weaker ties.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, there is insincere or rude behavior with a negative effect on the audience. At the other extreme, the emotional outpouring is so genuine and strong that it can surpass making someone's mood improve, it can help facilitate a cure in someone very ill. This is the healing power of the touch of love.

In the ninth position: The family or extended family may be wrecking havoc, insincerity, taking advantage.

In the tenth position: There has been a serious imbalance here and it is urgent that it be corrected. Review the inverted general meanings for guidance if necessary. Be honest with yourself and sincere with others.

Six of Pentacles

Success through physical attainment and accomplishment. A happy atmosphere surrounds you - good things are beginning to happen - you are about to enjoy the fruits of your labor. STOP WORRYING! You will receive what is rightfully yours - the bread thrown on the water of life will come back threefold. You are offered the gift of success in relationships, achieved through generosity of spirit and the sharing of your resources as each persons wants and needs are considered equally. Love gives you a feeling of abundance that you share with no fear of running out, for you KNOW now that it is an infinitely renewable resource. Experience the success of producing those things which have deep internal motivation or inspiration for you - bring your resources together and create an alliance of power and success. Organize, co-create, make things happen by using all available ways and means.

Religion and esoteric teachings give you what you are capable of receiving - *"life"* gives you what you need and what you can use. Place yourself in a position to receive and the force of life can overpower you with spiritual wonders. To consciously be able to give people what they need and can use, rather than what they *"think"* they want - you must first achieve a great degree of self - knowledge and awareness of human psychology. The value of study results not only in the specific knowledge gained - but in the frame of mind that is created by the *"act"* of doing it. The work changes you. You develop these changes consciously and deliberately by contemplating and joining - allowing yourself to receive the *"gifts"* of knowledge.

The emotions at work in the Physical/material plane, as duty and service make themselves felt, as you begin to see others as extensions of self. The hermetic dictum "*as above, so below*" begins to take physical effect and assert itself to become reality. You become physically demonstrative, openly appreciative, interactive, as dependable for others as you have become for yourself. Giving and receiving. Material generosity, presents/gifts, charity, philanthropy. Physical favors and volunteering. Giving from the six level is rarely anonymous and family will always come before close friends, close friends before community, local community before state, state before country, country before world and then lastly universal, metaphysical good. After all, this is pragmatic philanthropy. Paying off dues/fees/taxes for the collective good. Paying your way and then some. Sacrifice - accepted obligation, duty. The ability to accept, to receive from others, to give thanks. We are as obliged to accept for our needs as we are to share from our abundance. Physical recognition.

Questions to Answer:

1. With whom are you sharing your prosperity, resources or abilities?
2. How and to whom are you mentor, advisor or patron?
3. How are you sharing the wealth of money, talent, information?
4. What do you have to give that others need?
5. How are you managing your time?
6. What and from whom do you receive?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Star**: Don't give up - you are entering a new cycle and it is important that you keep trying.
- **Three Wands in spread**: Take your mind off of work and try to find some way to relax - slow down, your health can be effected.
- **Six on either side**: You will soon know harmony - be content to let things take their natural course.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The progress made in your Material Plane will allow you to practice the lessons of generosity. And while you may be fortunate enough to be a patron of society as well, your major efforts will be in supporting and encouraging your loved one and closest friends as an extended family.

In the second position: Your having participated in the lessons of give and take have prepared you for the unpredictable in your physical/material plane. You and your extended family can move as a unit in time of trouble to meet any foe, rise above any disaster.

In the third position: Balanced giving and/or receiving in your Physical/material Plane are most important now. Your circumstances probably make it fairly obvious which you need to consider most. If not, the reading is dedicated to this subject and will shed the necessary light that you need.

In the fourth position: One can imagine this passion as being one similar to Mother Theresa's, except that she has already included the family of man as her personal family. This is the passion that drives the devoted matriarch or patriarch of an

established family or the hard working mother that comes home and cooks for a large family and then volunteers to cook for the church bazaar on Saturday.

In the fifth position: You are already aware that you are in an expansion of your abilities, your concerns in your Physical/ material Plane. Whether you have been doing well yourself and will now be able to help others or you have decided to accept help from others, you will have advanced the cause of your material path.

In the sixth position: A material exchange is in the near future. More than the actual benefits or outfall in the material level will be the effects on your relationships or creative affairs.

In the seventh position: A material exchange is in your near future. The major impact of this transaction will be in your Mental Plane. For example, if this is financial backing for schooling or a project toward your goals.

In the eighth position: Money or material assistance is flowing in or out of your coffers. This exchange is proper for the giver and the receiver.

In the ninth position: Your heart has accepted a commitment and the fact that this card is here suggests that perhaps it is only the subconscious and not the conscious mind that has this view of the situation. If your mind eventually agrees, then you will accept this burden or this gift, whichever the case may be.

In the tenth position: A situation requiring balanced giving and/or receiving will arise and be most important in the near future, not longer than a year from now. Your circumstances should make it clear which is the case. If not, the reading will shed the necessary light that you need.

Six of Pentacles (R)

If you are experiencing an unsatisfactory situation - accept your feelings. Feelings of insecurity are created when you are not recognized for the hard work that you produce or when a stable, but basically unequal and unsatisfying situation has been disrupted. Feelings of insecurity result in dissatisfaction as you begin to think that things are unfair and your prosperity is threatened.

Any relationship is based on the dynamics between those who have and those who don't. Doling out attentions, promises, "sexual favors" or finances can be a manipulative means of keeping people bound to you. You are now learning to give with no conditions, according to your ability and to receive what is freely given you - for only then will you find true stability and security in your relationships. When success is measured in terms of what you give - everyone shares in it. If success is measured in terms of what you get, you will always be chained to the need for more. Release your defensive attitude.

There is an indication that your situation - emotionally or economically dominates you - giving you very little, but just enough to keep you from looking for something else. Analyze your situation very carefully now. Does your job give small material benefits with little satisfaction or chance for improvement? Are you involved in an unhappy, yet comfortable relationship? Do you feel your situation is oppressed, yet find that you do not want to endanger what little security you do have?

In situations like these - nothing is ever truly reconciled - the situation maintains balance and just keeps going. Can you show generosity and give spontaneously or do find that you measure out what you think you can afford to loose and give only what you will not miss? Do you find that you relate easily to others - while always hold back your deepest feelings and allowing yourself to accept only limited *"gifts"* from others? Does the display of strong emotions embarrass or scare you? Do you find that you place an offer of help in the category of *"charity"* and give people only what you *"think"* they are able to receive - unconsciously measuring out your giving according to what other people expect from you - always trying to avoid making yourself or another person uncomfortable?

You are challenged now to give more freely - to share from the heart and stop measuring out what you feel you can afford to loose. Release this "*your win is my loss*" attitude. Have the courage to continue the process you have started - it will result in a freer, more equal situation. Place yourself in the position to receive and stop cutting yourself off spiritually. Success is achieved through disciplined, step-by-step procedures - remaining open and flexible to opportunities that are presented. It is attainable as a result of following that which has heart and meaning in your life. Stay in your authenticity and truth now. Organize your communication so that context and timing are all aligned and put consistent energy into your life situations. One cannot give beyond one's means, no matter how noble the motivation. We can share only what we have - beyond that, we are obligating someone else's resources without their permission. Lower emotions clouding the physical.

Questions to Answer:

1. With whom are you sharing your prosperity, resources or abilities?
2. How and to whom are you mentor, advisor or patron?
3. How are you sharing your wealth of money, talent and information?
4. What do you have to give that others need?
5. How are you managing your time?
6. What and from whom do you receive?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Star**: Don't give up - you are entering a new cycle now and it is important that you keep trying.
- **Three Wands in spread**: Take your mind off of work and try to find some way to relax - slow down, your health can be effected.
- **Six on either side**: You will soon know harmony - be content to let things take their natural course.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your generosity may assume an air of duty and obligation with a number of demands placed on you to test your capacity.

In the second position: Your material reserves may not be what you think they are. You may not be able to call in your chips.

In the third position: There has been a serious imbalance here and it is urgent that it be corrected now. Review the general

meanings (inverted) for guidance if necessary.

In the fourth position: It is hard to imagine these admirable qualities being distorted, but, remember - metaphysical law demands a balance - we must accept as much as we give. At the opposite extreme, distortion brings us a person who will prefer accepting to the extreme and thus distort their soul's need for independence.

In the fifth position: You may know that you will in turn be left behind if you leave the wrong things or wrong people behind now and yet you procrastinate.

In the sixth position: There will be a significant effect in your emotional house from a material exchange. The effect could be a structural realignment of relationships.

In the seventh position: This could be your not getting the backing you were looking forward to. Or, in the opposite mode, getting backing when you should not have, for instance to go to the wrong school and take the wrong degree.

In the eighth position: This exchange is not the best thing for one or both parties, the giver and the receiver. The receiver may be worthy, but you are extending beyond your means or it would be better if they were aided by someone else. Or, it is fully within your means and it would please you greatly to help this person or group, but this particular assistance, the timing and/or you as the source is incorrect.

In the ninth position: Your heart may be distorting the matter in either of the extremes. On the one hand, you may be considering doing far too much. On the other hand, you may be refusing an offer more correctly accepted.

In the tenth position: There has been a serious imbalance here and it is urgent that it be corrected. Review the inverted general meanings for guidance if necessary.

Six of Swords

A difficult cycle is ending - allow it to phase out now - quietly pass through it by setting your sights on the future. Look at things the way they are - not the way you want them to be. Think with an open mind. Investigate all the possibilities. You are experiencing an unpleasant, frustrating situation - sever yourself from it and you will know peace of mind and harmony, like the sunshine after a storm. You are making great progress now. Recognize that everything is relative to one's viewpoint and communicate in a non - threatening way that will allow other people to consider new ideas, thoughts, beliefs and attitudes from perspectives that they have not yet considered.

You carry your troubles with you, have adapted to them and they no longer represent a heavy burden to you. Blessed with the gift of support in adversity - the ability to stick with someone when their luck has run out or help them through difficult times and transitions to new phases - you maintain a personal perspective and mental tranquillity during times of turmoil. You are willing to "cross the water" to see the other persons point of view and in resolving arguments you "lay all the swords on the table" in order to achieve clarity and unruffled communications. You now recognize that by staying calm, you waste neither energy nor opportunity.

The emotions at work on the Mental Plane - duty and obligation make service a more attractive as well as necessary adjunct to the ego's programs. With the expansive lessons of the 6's, you mind begins to know that the boundaries of self do not stop at the surface of your skin and your goals begin to take on the air of the extended self. Helping others, with mental generosity, is seen as the way of helping self as your personal goals become more and more integrated with those of others. Even independent thought has an inclusive element of the immediate other - of the thoughts of those most important to you. The necessity of balancing give and take mentally is dealt with. Responsibility is accepted willingly as you become as reliable to others as you were to yourself at the level of the 4's. Service as work/profession appears here. Here is the application of mind to longer, more complex tasks, many of which are worthwhile causes. Advancement and promotion of ideas is increasingly important as progress comes principally through mental effort. your heart is energizing and pushing your mind, supporting your projects. Motivation is high as mental goals are raised. Mental obligations and duties present themselves as laboratories for you to learn in. Protective mind in a positive sense. Consideration, mental recognition.

Questions to Answer:

1. What immediate problems are you attempting to solve?
2. Where will you go to solve them?
3. Where in your life right now is mental clarity important?
4. How are you liberating your mind from clutter and false ideas so that you can think clearly?
5. When you step back from your problem to gain a clear perspective - what do you see?

Special Messages:

- **Any Ten before or after**: Indicates an important decision regarding a move - a possible trip or new residence.
- **Next to Moon or High Priestess**: You do not have the full picture yet - wait before making any changes.
- **Next to Wheel of Fortune**: Do not take any unnecessary risks now - expect a change in your financial affairs. The benefits are coming in - you must be patient now.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The progress made in your Mental Plane will allow you to practice the lessons of mental generosity and inclusion. The people closest to you will be the primary beneficiaries. Where you go, so goes your entire extended family.

In the second position: Whether by the content of what you say or by the magic of your voice, you are able to muster the resources you need when you need them. Because you have accepted responsibility for others and been there when they needed advise, physical/material help will be there should you need it.

In the third position: At this time you must open to accept a greater range of responsibility for the administration of others' affairs as well as your own. Your intellect is needed by those close to you.

In the fourth position: A strong blend of mind and heart here can generate a passion that harnesses the talents of a communicative and dedicated mind to worthwhile causes. But also here is a love for what the group mind can achieve. Together

these desires are the fuel that motivates great leaders.

In the fifth position: You are aware that you have a greater scope now and if the canvas of your mind is not yet larger, you have already purchased more oils in expectation of doing a bigger painting. People may be knocking on your door, ideas demanding attention.

In the sixth position: Mental expansion in new, larger areas with a larger cast of characters ripples through your personal life. There are changes in the value and hierarchy of opinion at home, at work or between home and work.

In the seventh position: Deal head on with hesitation to mix your thoughts with the thoughts of others. Your ideas will not only survive, but thrive.

In the eighth position: Moving day, theoretically for your mind, but the mental expansion may have indeed necessitated a physical change. If not actually changing homes or offices, the physical *"moving"* may be in the furniture and equipment which facilitates your mental work. Rearrangement or integration of new gear, new technology are possible.

In the ninth position: The heart has already committed to a much broader frame which the mind must react to. The extended family exerts enormous pull on you to join in. Your role awaits you.

In the tenth position: Should you have missed opportunities and lessons, grace will provide them before this time next year.

Six of Swords (R)

You are experiencing information overload. Clear your mind and put your thoughts in order. In a situation where there has been mental or physical abuse - you need distance and support so that you can gain a new perspective. With distance it is possible to rise above the situation so that you can see the larger pattern, determine some meaning behind it and what actions are necessary. There are times when it is proper to leave others behind, in order to break through relationship patterns that obsess and bind you.

When you feel locked into a difficult set of circumstances - nothing can be accomplished - center yourself and wait. Difficult though your life may be - it will change. Go deep within yourself and seek spiritual guidance. Think carefully now and ask yourself if you have considered everything. Communicate any new ideas or decisions in such an objective way that they can be received and heard. Focus your mind and allow yourself to see the whole picture.

When your balance and peace are disturbed - your passage is no longer serene - your emotions are stirred up and your physical or spiritual journey becomes stormy. Trying to *"attack"* a long standing problem - especially one that has been accepted by others - only agitates the situation. Unsatisfying or oppressive situations can go quietly along for years until someone decides to do something about it. Trying to remove the swords from the boat will sink it - they are plugging up the holes. When *"swords"* symbolize unhappy memories where *"silence"* has become the defense, communication will be painful - but it will also begin the healing process.

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Special Messages:

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The mental demands made upon you may be great, but nothing so great as to interfere with completion of your karmic purpose. Just the opposite, all difficulties will support your purpose.

In the second position: Your ability to charm with your mind may come up short in the Physical Plane or you may be too effective for your own good at times.

In the third position: If you have been avoiding or diverting duties that rightfully fall to you, you should act quickly and decisively to put things in order.

In the fourth position: A personal life with personal romance and delicious moments of privacy may suffer under the extreme distortions present in this archetype.

In the fifth position: You may know that you will in turn be left behind if you leave the wrong things or wrong people behind now and yet you procrastinate.

In the sixth position: Either there will be virtually no effects or the effects will be great and require much of your attention.

In the seventh position: On the one extreme, there will be fear of others with similar, yet different ideas than yours. On the other extreme, there will be a strong urge to run roughshod over the similar, yet different ideas of your comrades.

In the eighth position: Perhaps the above changes are necessary, even planned, but somehow blocked at this time.

In the ninth position: While duty may have been observed and obligations met, you may not have reached the magic point where your heart has chosen them of its own volition.

In the tenth position: Even God's grace can taste like a mother's dose of medicine given for your own good. How this medicine tastes is up to you.

Six of Wands

Victory - have faith, good news is coming and you can win all that you hold dear. You are going to succeed if you will just keep trying. Trust yourself - be confident that you have been given the abilities and opportunities to realize your goals and dreams. Relax and concentrate on the task at hand - you will succeed. Your relationships will get better and you will know victory of the will over the physical world - the ability to change destiny and thoughts.

Success comes from working with others to achieve a goal. You will experience the settlement of difficulties and disputes - you have the ability to persuade, influence and counsel and from your struggle to develop your ideas there will emerge a dominant theme and a leader. Trust your instincts and intuitions - not everyone or everything is trustworthy. Approach everything in a state of open trust - you will *"feel"* when something is not right - trust that.

A leader can accomplish nothing without the support and backing of followers - relationships must be reciprocal if they are to succeed. You gain your self-confidence and pride from creatively solving a problem and when your work is recognized, you feel elevated above those around you. Never allow this *"pride"* to get in the way of your success - it will upset and delay goals and cause you to forget where you came from and those who helped you get where you are. Recognize this opposition - know that you have the wisdom to overcome it. In making your choices, consider whether you act out of love, which takes you to freedom through understanding or out of fear which takes you to guilt and bondage. When you have skills or influence that can assist others, you have a responsibility to be of service to them, using your abilities to bring victory to all concerned.

Shift your emphasis from your problems to your joys - from defensiveness to optimism - become unified with the spirit. Trust your love, your light, your beauty and your richness. Assume victory and your optimism will produce the very success it desires and expects. It requires only a true belief in yourself to find the energy to accomplish what you want and such a belief will inspire others to follow you. Believe in life and give that gift to those around you. Live and let live and everything will work out for the best.

Here are spiritual movement and externalization. A sense of mission. As with the other Sixes there is a noticeable shift of emphasis from the self as a very independent self, albeit on the spiritual path, to a sense of self that fundamentally includes others, and is included by others. Your individual path recognizes its parallel group path. Two-way communication is vital, as you balance spiritual give and take. Helen Keller, blind and deaf from the age of two, by overcoming her disabilities, was able to convey to us how truly alone we are when we cannot share our thoughts or feelings. Your ability to share is intrinsic to your knowledge of God. Ironically, you can come to know God more quickly, with a sense of the other, through the other, than through the self. The information you need for your path will come more quickly now as you have access to the additional sources of others with which you have joined. Evidence of progress is seen in the appreciation by others, and the effects of your good example and reaching. Further evidence is offered by Spiritual recognition. Moral victories, promotions/rewards - credit for something done right. There is a need to pause for recognition and to accept energy from others, or to offer recognition and energy to others. Goals and progress are validated.

Questions to Answer:

1. What positions of leadership and responsibility have you taken on?
2. What is your relationship with your fellow workers?
3. What has been resolved through your actions?
4. What do you feel confident about?
5. What kind of leadership do others need from you?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Fool**: Do not let your guard down - there are still obstacles ahead.
- **Next to High Priestess**: Seek more knowledge of metaphysical philosophy.
- **Next to Hierophant**: Someone is entering your life who is well established, generous and will understand your needs.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The internal pressure to move forward from your relatively comfortable spiritual base and find new blood to mix with yours will make an adventurer of you in this lifetime. Here is the spiritual hunter, backed by his tribe, in search of validation, vindication, yet deep in his soul ready for the jolt of meeting with the expected unexpected.

In the second position: You are never alone. In any situation in your Physical/material plane whatever happens to you is felt

and shared by your spiritual companions, much as two identical twins are able to respond to each other's needs instantaneously.

In the third position: This is a time when you should fill with the assurance that you are moving well on your path. But as a runner in a marathon may pause only to grab for the refreshing cup as he continues on, so this is the nature of this realization. Progress at the other three levels, the Physical, Emotional, and Mental Planes offer much more tangible feedback of our progress. Physical success can bring money, emotional success the new love, and mental success the Pulitzer prize, while spiritual success must be felt, acknowledged, and rewarded all within ourselves.

In the fourth position: Your passion requires you to share even as you search, for you require the energy of the feedback and recognition that comes with the interaction of fellow seekers. You wish to know intimately the character of your search even if it is impossible to know more than a habit of the ineffable nature of your destination.

In the fifth position: Plans are in the air for a campaign, as you have decided to turn up the volume, to increase the watts of power and reach out to a larger audience.

In the sixth position: Growth and expansion at the level of the Sixes is difficult on existing relationships, on partners and closest loved ones, but the Six of Wands is especially trying. We all must pass out through this gate of our home city of comfort surrounded by known loved ones, and go out into the countryside and expand your spiritual trade routes. Soon it will be your turn.

In the seventh position: There is excitement at the expectation of challenge as you prepare to submit your faith to the test in a greater arena. But for now you are to muster all the members of your clan and assure yourselves of your position and provisions for the campaign ahead.

In the eighth position: You are on the road to bigger and better things, asking for much more growth, which means more knowledge ... which means more power .... which means more responsibility.

In the ninth position: Perhaps your heart has plans of which you are not yet aware. It may wish for closer ties, much more interaction, with many more people than your extended self now embraces.

In the tenth position: Control your timing. Do not be pushed too fast, or held back too long. Major movement should begin not later than this time next year.

Six of Wands (R)

False optimism - trying to cover your doubts will only lead to more fear, insecurity, possessiveness and weakness. When things are not happening the way you want them to - do not allow the tension and pressure to build, for it will produce a defeatist attitude - the sense that you are being overwhelmed by the enemy or that people will betray you. This attitude can become a self - fulfilling prophecy - suspicion produces betrayal. Use your creativity and flexibility to achieve the ultimate victory - the victory which provides a win-win situation and allows for *"mutual"* unfolding and opening - for new energy and revitalization, for clarity of vision and creative expression, experienced mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically.

Blame for something done wrong. Difficulty with pride and the dangers of success - a need to guard against self-righteousness. Here, in a distortion of this archetype, is the missionary going forth to convert an indigenous people whose native religion is purer than the missionary's. As we stretch our spiritual muscle and extend into larger and larger worlds of awareness, we are meant to seek others, those of related paths with similar karmic purpose, but to do so all we need do is witness our beliefs and we will be mutually attractive to our kindred spirits. There is never a need to convert.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Be ready, for it is you who are most likely to be converted in this lifetime.

In the second position: As others in your extended spiritual family can and will respond to your crises, so too are you called upon to assist them,

In the third position: You are probably not feeling the degree to which you have advanced and this reading is meant to reassure you. Persevere.

In the fourth position: To lust after the path as a mission to be fulfilled, with conquests to be made, is a path with many forks that lead to dead ends.

In the fifth position: Be reminded that you must listen to a wider audience as you increase your activity and scope.

In the sixth position: With this test we are meant to carry all of our loved ones with us fully in our hearts, leaving nothing behind. This path is to add to, not to replace.

In the seventh position: Do not let fear paralyze you into non-action. Expose and promote your beliefs and they will propel you forward.

In the eighth position: Your campaign for bigger and better is blocked, or lacks the proper logistics. At one extreme, this is the wrong campaign, at the wrong time, in the wrong place,

In the ninth position: At one extreme, the heart is not into this campaign, not yet willing to give up the intimacy of the existing inner circle, the present family. At the other extreme, the heart is much too hungry for new blood to flow through the collective veins of your extended family.

In the tenth position: Grace will help you find the courage.

The Star

The Star represents hope, peace and continuity - fluid thought and intuition. The *"present"* is based on action and will - the *"future"* is based on understanding and hope. To resign yourself to the routine and remain *"quiet"* is the *"sleep"* of your will. Awaken your will - exercise your *"choice"* - your ability to say *"yes"* to spirit and *"no"* to the transitory things of matter.

Hope directs spiritual growth into the world - it allows us to see that each day is a unique event which will never be repeated. Even the most mundane and commonplace abilities are worthy of aspiration - a *"star"* is in the eye of the beholder. Hope provides the *"possibility"* of the complete unity of matter and spirit - it is the *"fruit"* of this marriage of opposites, inviting us to believe in the unity of the two and to work towards the realization of that unity and ultimately - to understand that hope and growth are the same. There is joy in work - only when it is elevated above the *"spirit"* of slavery. Uplifting values are essential in the process of becoming enlightened - every word can become magical if it is sincere and filled by faith to the point of setting hope from above in motion. Hope, true creativity and tradition are essential to assure that spiritual truth is not forgotten - they are the agents of growth. Calming peace after the storm as you experience accomplishment of the goals you have developed - renewal after a calamity.

New freedom - you have come through the hard times, undergone emotional upheaval and you will now know inspiration, hope, health and spiritual gifts beyond your belief. You are well blessed and can expect much spiritual help and guidance in all endeavors. You are on the right path - you have built a good foundation. Continue to *"hope"* and you will achieve your goals. Your health situation will improve for you are surrounded by strong spiritual forces. The truth can be found in the depths of your subconscious through meditation - hope, faith and courage are the keys in facing your problems for you are developing intuition and going within will aid you in finding the truth. Once your mind is able to sustain its concentration - it can penetrate to the real nature of whatever it is placed upon and come up with a meaning that is helpful to you.

You desire to know the truth - to be open, honest and communicate with nothing held back. Choose to be a guide - illuminate others. New concepts and intuitive realizations bring feelings of accomplishment and success that opens you to an inborn state of *"grace"* in which all growth is effortless - a joyful acquiescence to life as you experience revitalization and the renewal of your vital structures.

In reflection, when your mind is elegantly poised in balance with other levels of the psyche and the body, you can remember the wise guidance of your innate psyche knowledge which requires you to follow your own aspirations and abilities in order to illuminate future possibilities. You now recognize your ability to surpass Self into a sense of Self + Universe.

Pour your energy out freely - *"feel"* your confidence - KNOW and trust that Life will continually supply you with new energy. Choose to stir up the Universal life energy by pouring your own into it - use your active imagination and visualization. Accept your desire to be active in projects that will produce enlightenment and conscious raising for all mankind - to be the *"center"* of attention and gain public recognition or be the spokesperson for others.

Transformation from darkness into light - your unconscious is changed into the ecstatic awareness of the super - conscious. Take this energy and create with it - objectify your spiritual energy in your creations. Give of yourself with compassion in your service to others so that they may find their own *"light"*. No amount of work can exhaust your inspiration as long as you remain connected to the inner sources and each completed work will give you new inspiration. Allow your *"inner"* Self joy - allow your sensitivity and passion to express itself - directly experience your unconscious mind. Your ability to feel the truth and to act will make you a vehicle through which the truth can manifest itself as you experience your *"inner"* calm.

Here is the seventeenth stop. This is the state of mind after profound insight, mind illumined by the heavens. Fireworks. As The Tower is God's grace, The Star is what you do with that grace. Here is the mind's acceptance of responsibility for packaging and filtering spiritual input down to the Emotional and Physical Planes, the symbolism of pitchers of fluid knowledge pouring into water and land alike. This may seem like antiseptic poured on an open wound - there can be pain as the medicine effects its cure. There is undoubtedly major change in the offing and you must decide how to implement it in everyday life.

Hope derives from our acceptance of the pain of the moment, which grows into an understanding of the present situation from a broader and longer range perspective. The Star offers hope, optimism, aspirations, productive mental growth, dedication to an ideal, and maximum expectations. Here are outer goals - the Moon will give inner goals. To think of our fate as being in the Stars is to say that our fate is in our highest expectations, our highest ideals. If something can be thought of - then it is possible. The mind is excited, active, with its taste of the future. Here you find the content of the message from a wide assortment of sources-from dreams, spirit guides, guardian angels in the guise of friends/family or complete strangers, synchronous events,

books falling off shelves, and the list is literally endless. Here too is the recognition, the fame that accompanies the talent of expression, the embodiment of good ideas well executed. The star on earth is just so because of his/her ability to emulate the beauty of the stars in the heavens.

Questions to Answer:

1. What aspect of your life is being purified or cleansed?
2. What is being renewed?
3. What are you inspired to do?
4. For what are you receiving recognition?
5. What are your ideals in this matter?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This lifetime asks that you use the formidable intellect you have been given to process the information that needs to descend from the spiritual into the Mental, Emotional, and Physical Planes. Be that as channeler, writer, translator, inventor or professional friend to many. Also, that you are simply destined to be among the best at whatever you do and to be well known for it. You have been given the means to convey to others the hope that you feel in every fiber of your body, because you know how beautiful things can be; you have seen how beautiful they already are.

In the second position: You have already laid the foundation of a long-term goal and are very much working toward it, so that there is great efficiency in your physical/material world. Everything contributes to the big picture. You may be working with the information received in a prophetic dream or another rich source. Also, simply that you have been very busy and productive.

In the third position: You need to be optimistic and set your goals at the highest conceivable level. Avoid any tendency to sell yourself short.

In the fourth position: This is an early passion for success, for being the best and being recognized as, such. in love with your own dreams and certainly with very high expectations of realizing every one of them.

In the fifth position: Much has already come your way but you are setting your sights, fining up your goals. Your mind is on top of things. Let your present optimism establish your benchmark for the future while you are thinking big.

In the sixth position: Integrate those dreams, those goals and wildest expectations into your relationships so that they support each other. Here could be a test for the heart as the ego succeeds with its program. Will you enjoy your success? Will those who supposedly love you, love your success?

In the seventh position: It is time to give your ego its just due. This year wants to see you open up all the stops. You will be drawn outward in the limelight of recognition and you should go more than willingly.

In the eighth position: Much of your goal is unfolding right now. You are living your dream in realtime. You are the center of attention and rightly so.

In the ninth position: The heart is centered on the mind's directives. Desire is supporting the will.

In the tenth position: Your goals, even your greatest expectations, will present themselves clearly and begin to unfold in your reality. Your star is arriving and it will be up to you to sustain its glow.

The Star (R)

You are out of touch with your reality - caught up in the past and this pessimistic attitude will narrow your relationships and cut off any possibility of renewal. Contemplate your past mistakes - put things into a proper perspective. When you feel a sense of hopelessness, and experience a lack of self - esteem - recognize that all is not lost. Be receptive to this spiritual blindness - understand that it can prevent you from seeing or taking advantage of new horizons. Masking itself as arrogance - you become cold, uninvolved, uncaring and ungiving. You experience weakness and fear - closing yourself off from the spiritual channel of calm and hope. The waters of life become dammed up inside and the outside becomes tired and depressed. Go deep within, seek spiritual guidance and through meditation you will see your world in a new light. You will receive "direct perception" as the love in your mind creates peace, joy and illuminates the possibilities. Join forces with your True Self now in a journey filled with grace.

At one extreme, we have pessimism; at the other extreme, there is over optimism. If pessimism dips low into depression, despair, complete lack of hope, then there is need for outside help. This reading itself may be a sign from God for the readee to seek such help. There may already be more information than you have been able to process on your own. Such an overload, if not handled, can lead to serious mental, emotional, and/or physical problems. Under normal circumstances, and certainly in metaphysical matters, you do not intervene unless requested. Requests need not come in words, and in this case an overt call for help may be beyond the person's ability.

Questions to Answer:

1. What aspect of your life is being purified or cleansed?
2. What is being renewed?
3. What are you inspired to do?
4. For what are you receiving recognition?
5. What are your ideals in this matter?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You may have extra work with those who have the longest road to travel from pessimism to optimism, with those who have the least expectations from self rather than the most.

In the second position: You may be working on an old idea, or a broken dream that has Outlived its usefulness. Look for new additional sources of validation. You have tried for the payoff a bit too early.

In the third position: Look at your long-range goals. They may be inappropriate for this lifetime. Review Karmic Contract for your strengths and predispositions, your talents. There is such a thing as picking a goal that is out of reach. For instance, very short men should not aspire to becoming professional basketball players, but maybe a coach.

In the fourth position: This can be a fascination with success and its attendant glamour, but without the expectation that you will achieve it personally. This could lead you to a profession that keeps you near the inner circle but not in the spotlight yourself. At the other extreme, you may be obsessed with stardom in its abstract and unrealizable form.

In the fifth position: At one extreme, there is disappointment, pessimism. But at the other extreme, there is too much optimism for the question at hand. Don't overshoot.

In the sixth position: This can be the effect of a mental disappointment, or general mental malaise on your emotional plane, your relationships, and creative output.

In the seventh position: You may exhibit one or both of these extremes, vacillating back and forth. On the one hand, there is a fear of exposure and publicity, of success. On the other hand, there is the easier to understand fear of failure.

In the eighth position: You may be living in a dream, avoiding reality. Or, your plans have just gone up in smoke.

In the ninth position: The heart may not be in favor of the program. or, the heart is neglecting much of its own business to support the mind's programs.

In the tenth position: Your success will be strategic to, and/or dependent on, that of another. Your Karmic Contract is closely intertwined with others and you should be able to work consciously with this fact from now on.

Strength

LOVE is the source of your strength - the *"energy"* of your unconscious *"tamed"* and released by the direction of your conscious understanding - harnessing your natural energy so that you work in harmony with it. Your *"inner"* qualities represent love, patience and gentleness - they are always superior to the material powers of force and hate, for they provide you with the *"inner"* strength to confront yourself calmly and without fear. Choose to use the love you feel within - believe that the process of self-discovery is a joyous one. Control your own emotions - look directly at any obstacle and see if it is real.

Strength is *"total"* living - living with the undiluted multiplicity of your being. Combining your capacity to destroy with your power to regenerate and heal. Taming your powers and drives by finding the *"inner"* power that gives you your strength. Affirm all your individual qualities - be sensitive to what you are feeling every moment.

Wanting to control your life - your *"ego"* conscious suppresses your feelings, fears and desires which creates confusion. In order to realize satisfaction and joy - success requires organization. Your *"inner"* strength allows your passions to emerge - releasing your deepest emotions with love and faith, for this is the first step in going beyond the *"ego"* and opening up your personality with a sense of peace, love of life itself and a great confidence in the final result. It requires a great deal of courage as well as strength - for you must control and direct the energy rather than allowing it to take you wherever it wants to go.

Free yourself from the forces of repression - *"doubt"* reduces thought to indecision and it appears when the Higher Self and the physical *"ego"* self are not in balance. *"Certainty"* allows you to doubt "within limits" while still maintaining faith in the expected outcome. You will begin to understand others if you will take the time to imagine yourself in their place. You have the ability to face life - particularly this difficult problem or change - with hope and eagerness. You are strong within - allow yourself to experience life passionately, yet peacefully - without being controlled or carried away by your passions. Joy as you feel the *"inner"* strength to begin this new project or continue a difficult project - despite your fear and emotional strain. Find the place where you can make a statement and get your idea across - leave a lasting impression.

Your subconscious mind controls your body and its functions - you receive, then act upon the suggestions sent from your conscious mind. Choose to cultivate your desires and you set up a chain reaction which will eventually produce tangible results. Power, strength, discipline, intelligence, justice, karma, respect and unity are all possible when you act powerfully, but with a sense of *"inner"* calm. Your *"inner"* resources will always overcome any adversity as the love in your heart unites with your spirit, heart and body and produces harmonious action.

New - Here is the eighth stop. Properly channeled and controlled emotions. You are on solid ground, centered. Strong self-image and self-respect. Confidence. There are extensions of self in place and functioning, i.e. family/extended family and creative projects. A feeling of invincibility. An emotional sense of the eternal, of permanence, Loyalty, Constancy without stagnation. A harnessing of our lower energies to support/generate higher energies. Here is the source of courage, the assumption of responsibility for one's own existence, hence emotional independence. The feeling of duality is strong but the self is in harmony with all extensions of the self, and with nature. Your heart has begun to know things for itself, with the help, but independent, of mind. (The hypothalamus is that aspect of mind, of reason, belonging to the heart.) Here ideas are generated in the gut, the Solar Plexus, before reason and perspective of higher mind get a crack at them. Conversely however, it is proper to say that this is the effect of mind in the emotions. We see here that true strength lies in our hearts, in our emotional stability.

Questions to Answer:

1. How strong is your love?
2. How are you being called upon to show courage and perseverance?
3. What do you desire to create?
4. What inner passion needs to be expressed?
5. What inner passion needs to be reconciled?
6. What is the "natural" or instinctive thing to do?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your emotional ties are very important. This lifetime may be centered on or within your origins, family, heritage. Your personal and group karma are closely related. Your abilities with people, the social graces, manners figure prominently in this lifetime.

In the second position: Your social prowess, your credits with people, facilitate your getting what you need. Thus far, your personality has been your greatest asset. There is a constancy in your affairs that stands you well.

In the third position: Your strength now must come from and go into existing relationships and creative enterprises. Use your social gifts to the maximum.

In the fourth position: The desire here is to be strong and capable whenever and wherever one might need to be, for oneself and for others. From this derives your easy way with people, one on one and in groups.

In the fifth position: You should be consciously dealing with your emotional systems, the effectiveness of all your relationships and your creative thrust. Here is analysis of therapies.

In the sixth position: The near future will find you centered and strong within your relationships and your creative processes. The balance between self and other, between humanity and nature is healthy.

In the seventh position: Exploration of the depths and loyalties of relationships, of the rightness of your creative interests. Are you as strong as you could be, as you want to be? Here is the exercise of both losing and finding yourself in your relationships with others, with your group, and in the immersion in your talents.

In the eighth position: You are in the right place at the right time and can deal from a position of strength. You are surrounded by what you need and yet you are free to move as the need arises. This is a healthy balance between attachment and non-attachment in the Physical/material Plane.

In the ninth position: There is a good sense of belonging as your heart is centered in a very healthy emotional world, immersed in relationships that are productive and rewarding. As a result you are highly energetic and motivated.

In the tenth position: Here is the grace of emotional calm, a taming and focusing of energies in relationships or in creative matters. You will be more confident in social situations as you will be armed with emotional extensions to back you up. Failure is irrelevant, if not out of the question. You have nothing to lose.

Strength (R)

Activate and experience the specific emotions derived from your *"core"* beliefs - good or bad, right or wrong - ride these emotions, allow them to flow freely and you will be led to the beliefs behind them. Accept the validity of your feelings, while realizing that they are about certain *"core"* beliefs which are not necessarily factual statements of your reality.

Do not be inflexible - your personal integrity and strong will power come from valuing your feelings. Your inner sense of balance comes from the innate knowledge of your unity with nature. Do not lose your nerve or surrender - there must be harmony to succeed. If you really believe that you are right - then be firm, but never cause distress to others. Face your reality and it will clarify any disturbing influences. Obstacles can never be overcome if you lack moral or spiritual strength and you will not progress unless you fully understand this. Stop engaging in this mental state of "self - doubt". Do what comes naturally to you. Be self aware, uncensored - act spontaneously - KNOW yourself. Feeling a need to be strong can prevent us accepting from others when it is their turn to give. Everyone must take as well as give.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your personal karma may be very much devoted to the kamic needs of your group.

In the second position: Neither be too patronizing nor aloof in working with people. You can be direct and honest and still be considerate. Work to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

In the third position: Group karmas are asserting themselves.

In the fourth position: It can be difficult discerning which relationships and situations are most deserving of your attention. Without the ability to prioritize and say no when appropriate we become drained by participating in the wrong shows.

In the fifth p0sition - You may be either too immersed in these questions, or not enough.

In the sixth position: Caution against complacency. Must marshal forces to an even greater extent. This may be a testing of loyalties, of yours, of others.

In the seventh position: You may fear your own strength in what you are considering, or of course your weakness.

In the eighth position: Too much strength might deter others or you from some opportunities. Too little, for the purposes you may have under consideration.

In the ninth position: The heart is not at its strongest; you may have put too much energy out, not gotten enough energy back.

In the tenth position: This strength is to enable you to help others, perhaps your group more than yourself.

The Sun

Accomplishment - union of your intelligence and your spontaneous wisdom - intuition. The wisdom of a heart which contains no *"doubt"* and is void of the desire to control or dominate. The knowledge that the *"source"* of your knowledge and power is not *"you"* - that the source influences you and fills you, but its origin is not in you. You must remain silently concentrated so that this relationship can develop and gain intensity and clarity to become fully conscious. Revelation moves and teaches, it guides you - it is the *"gift"* of believing without any support from without or within.

Continue to endeavor now to advance from the "understanding of intuition" to the use of it. Regardless of your present circumstances, the adversity will be overcome - wholeness and harmony will prevail and there will be joy and happiness in your future. Opportunity is in the offing, do not hesitate to move forward - go ahead, there will be many blessings - this is a time to be happy and give thanks. Success lies ahead - growth of personal wealth as new ventures prosper. You have come through the hardships and will be blessed with new beginnings and liberation. Plan carefully for the future - obstacles can be easily overcome now - love and marriage will be very happy.

During periods of stress - your consciousness falls back to the *"source"* of its being. Say *"yes"* to yourself and the life you lead - accept the unique individuality of your body, mind and spirit. Begin to bridge your beliefs, fulfill your abilities and reconcile all parts of your self. The result of consciously accepting life-giving beliefs is the recognition of the integrity of your own being - the joyful release after the test. Bring your *"inner"* light into consciousness and you experience a bright mind, a warm heart, an active body and a fiery spirit.

Justice requires *"action"* in response to the knowledge gained about yourself. The Hanged man teaches you to remain passive, for the Moon requires passive surrender since there is no way to control the visions rising with its influence. The Sun is an active, energized state - by accepting the Moon's fearful images you bring the energy outside of yourself and give all life radiance. Everything becomes simple, joyous and physical as the light of the unconscious is brought into daily life and the conscious and unconscious are joined together. Successful passage from the Tower gives you a childlike simplicity. The transfer happens all at once - a blinding revelation of the Tower, the inner radiance of the Star and the acute fear of the Moon are all join in a single instant of transformation and the aftermath is joy - a sense of all life and all the world being filled with wondrous light. Enlightenment bears the same characteristics in all people, it is an experience - not an idea. You feel struck by a burst of light and suddenly the world is seen or felt as spiritual and eternal rather than a day to day existence of drudgery and confusion. You feel totally alive with a childlike joy that most children never really know - for you have gone beyond your childish fear of darkness by traveling through it.

The Sun represents knowledge. You feel a sense of wisdom, seeing everything with total clarity - clear and direct as you are "filled with the light of understanding." You see everything as alive and holy, united through the light that fills all existence - unified and alive. You experience a burst of freedom as you are liberated from the ordinary restricted consciousness to openness and freedom. You feel a part of the whole rather than an isolated individual and you see the world in a new way. You experience joy, happiness and great beauty as you experience optimism, energy and wonder.

Here is your nineteenth stop. Things are bright and clear in the Physical/Material Plane. The four aspects of the personality have been balanced and are healthy and functioning well. Realization of physical and material goals. Identification with the Earth, her products and offspring. Harmony with Nature. Productivity. Preparedness. Abundance. Physical perfection. Approaching the sense of atonement with the world/universe. There is a growing awareness of God in all material things, and materiality takes on a very spiritual sense for you. Life can seem to move in slow motion as you extract the nuances of pleasure from each minute you are awake. Split personality limitations are left far behind. The dispelling of fears, casting away of shadows. The power of conscious awareness to dispel darkness and fear. There is a physical urging toward even greater consciousness. Your physical conditioning pushes you forward; there is momentum. Your body is confident; you have faith in yourself. Here we will see happiness. Here there is victory.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you now understand?
2. What successes have you achieved?
3. What have you birthed or brought to fruition?
4. What joys are you sharing with others?
5. What commitments have you made?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is the personality born to a life of active participation, with as much time spent out of doors as possible. You are drawn to fields in which there is much visible growth, productivity, and beneficial results.

In the second position: The Sun has been achieved and stands behind you and with you as a ball of energy to help with your physical chores.

In the third position - Now is the time for you to concentrate on the blessings of health and welfare in the material plane. Many gates are opening and it is for you to chose. It is proper for you to determine what you want and to ask for it. Otherwise, Santa Claus will just pick something at random from his bag of goodies. Think positive, you will be amazed at what is possible now.

In the fourth position: This passion is for life, for all things living, for people, animals, plants, for creation itself.

In the fifth position: You are upbeat and using your mind well, with proper use of intellect to help maximize efficiency at all levels. Good use of creative visualization, mind control, positive thinking, and the like. Energetic about present plans. You are correct in your evaluation of your karmic purpose and have chosen appropriate goals.

In the sixth position: Here comes the sun. This will test how your Emotional Plane handles the good stuff. What will your heart do when everything goes right? Can your recognize and maximize good fortune?

In the seventh position: Here the sun shines brightly on your mental affairs. If you are ahead of schedule, you will be put to the task of expanding your maximum expectations.

In the eighth position: Can things really be going this good? Yes, of course! And there seems to be plenty to go around. Hope you are enjoying every minute as you well deserve it.

In the ninth position: You are happy about the state of your emotional affairs, your relationships, and/or your creative projects. Things are probably going well down in the physical plane too.

In the tenth position: Here within this next year, physical and material blessings will fall to you. Much will seem as if by chance, but all is part of your karmic purpose unfolding and may bring its share of lessons to be learned.

The Sun (R)

Look at your life realistically now - be perfectly honest with yourself. Stop day-dreaming and put some effort into reaching your goals. Before you become involved in any project investigate all aspects first. Ask yourself "Is this what I really want?" Do not allow anyone to "pull the wool over your eyes"! Disagreements and misunderstandings affect close relationships - they solve nothing and can cancel out future plans, which will result in disappointment. Allow the love in your heart to take the place of your fear. Your *"ego"* can blind you by its constant need for *"more"* - leading to overindulgence and burn-out, excess to the point of injury or illness.

Begin to look at life as a continuous spectacle, spread out before you to enjoy and savor. Allow yourself the pleasure of every moment - for you truly need nothing more! Recognize that the good things of life are never really *"lost"* - they just become confused at times. You are still experiencing *"simple"* happiness - the clouds of doubt, confusion and fear have just overshadowed it and you can not see it clearly now, which forces you to work a little harder to realize joy -which is the greatest gift of the Sun.

There may be too much exposure for your condition or circumstances - the risk of a burnout. This can mean a lack of realization/ appreciation of your physical/material success and well-being, an overly conservative evaluation of your Physical Plane. Over production or under production.

Questions to Answer:

1. What do you now understand?
2. What successes have you achieved?
3. What have you brought to fruition?
4. What joys are you sharing with others?
5. What commitments have you made?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: With your abundance of energy and resources you may be asked to help others find their place in the sun.

In the second position: At one extreme, there may have been a tendency to overdo things in the past. At the other extreme, there has been difficulty with completion.

In the third position - Others need your optimism and energy to help them realize this is their time to shine.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, even this worthy passion can suffer distortion in the extreme, for spirituality must have its abstract components as well as hard reality. God is to be found inside as well as outside. At the other extreme, there is a dispassionate cloud over the heart toward people and/or nature.

In the fifth position: At one extreme, you may be downbeat in your evaluation. At another extreme, you may be using your mental techniques to ill effect.

In the sixth position: Same test, but with greater extremes. Here your relationships, or your creative affairs, must weather either outrageous good fortune beyond all expectations, or something much less than expected in your Physical Plane.

In the seventh position: Here can be a fear of too much fight, too much exposure, too much success, a fear of happiness itself. What to do when all the enemies have been conquered, all the battles won? At the other extreme, can be the easier to understand fear of failure, of physical or material loss.

In the eighth position: Too much energy; no need to over do it. Whether it's too much exercise, or too much food, or too much work-slow down. At the other extreme, there may be too little energy. You can actually increase your energy by doing more of the right activities, a little at a time.

In the ninth position: At one extreme, this may be forced or false joy. Or, you are not appreciative enough of your situation.

In the tenth position: You will be instrumental in the good fortune of many others.

Temperance

It is time for you to apply what you have learned - see what you have mastered - you are an artist in all phases of your life. Try new things now, while at the same time - maintaining a solid hold on your present security. Allow yourself to experience *"profound"* meditation - use your *"inner"* resources - for they are your invitation to the possibilities of spiritual knowledge and realization.

Your Higher Self will always warn, inform and help you appreciate an experience - while never suppressing temptation itself - for without temptation, there can be no spiritual progress. That is why it is so important for you to maintain balance right now. Trust that your patience will build your dreams. Focus all your energy on maintaining harmony between the material and the spiritual. Take it easy and don't rush things - do not give up your security - you need more time before making any major decisions.

You are experiencing your ability to heal yourself by correcting the imbalances and reconciling the difficulties in the environment through compassion. Truth will be realized from within as you unite your human endeavor with the gift of Gods grace. Your lessons are learned through your experiences. Balance is essential now - use diplomacy, tact and temper your emotions when your strength is being tested. As you give birth to new beliefs from the death of old ones - you experience new freedoms which require re-adjustments in your behavior. With freedom comes the responsibility for your actions and the birth of "natural guilt" - the creative mechanism for solving problems and preventing violence. You learn to resolve your dilemmas and assimilate your beliefs by seeing mistakes as information and problems as challenges. A balance of rights is achieved through your compassionate identification with others and the communication of your emotions and aggressive feelings.

Vision and inspiration are the means of arriving at intuition. Authentic inspiration always entails an *"inner"* upheaval which pierces the soul like an arrow - wounding it and making it experience *"profound"* emotion which is the synthesis of joy and sorrow. Inspiration is the knowledge of how to be active and passive at the same time. Active - in what concerns your *"question"* and passive - in what concerns the *"answer"*. Humility alone - honoring the vows of poverty, obedience and love renders you open to *"inspiration"*. Say to yourself that you know nothing - but are capable of knowing everything and in this position of humility - immerse yourself in the pure, strengthening element of "thinking together" or inspiration.

Free yourself from this artificial personality - your behavior and reactions have become a string of habits. Begin to combine your spontaneity with knowledge, moderation and self control. You need never go to extremes - begin to develop a true and proper response to all situations "as they arise". Separation develops from your inability to take life as it comes - moment by moment - combining the elements of your personality, so that they work in harmony with the outer world and flow together naturally.

You withdrew from the world to find your *"inner"* Self. The time has come for you to return to the normal activities of life and involvement with the outer world. The energy of your unconscious, which was once displayed as the *"sexuality"* of your undeveloped personality - has been transformed and channeled through your awareness to become spirituality. Your *"strength"* has become energy and the process will be complete once the two combine. Allow yourself to experience the death of your *"old"* patterns, for they do not reflect the truth and joy of life. You do not need to preform miracles to KNOW your connection with the universe - you need only be yourself. Become the master of your fate - learn correct action - doing the correct thing in whatever situation arises, dealing with life as it comes - not according to your old routines or habits of defense. Communicate the abundance of your feelings in compassionate and nurturing ways and this balanced blend of activities and feelings - once achieved, will produce the sense of harmony and peace that you seek.

Here is the fourteenth stop on your journey, where you begin to appreciate the lessons of the higher emotions. This is a mature emotional constitution, where consideration for self and others strive to balance. This is Stage Four and the effect of higher mind on the Emotional Plane guides us to thoughtful behavior. Recognition and practice of both give and take in equal proportion, even as the opening of the heart chakra has elevated the emotions to the higher level wherein compassion transforms us into willing givers moving happily toward universal love. Temperance is the exercise of emotional balance horizontally in the earth plane, to generate movement vertically from below to above. Here is authentic expression and a higher understanding of your passionate nature, which must grow even as you become more compassionate.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you feeling optimistic about?
2. How are you combining the resources available to you?
3. What are you testing or trying out?
4. What needs to be healed or brought into balance?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Here is ecumenical awareness personified. Everything means everything. Nothing means nothing. Everything makes sense, and nothing makes sense. "*Avec de la patience on arrive a tout*." (With patience one arrives at everything.) A natural born diplomat.

In the second position: You have been so efficient in how you accomplish your tasks in the physical arena that you are rested and ready. You avoid the extremes in work, diet, and exercise.

In the third position: Ask for Temperance for that is the archetype needed at this time. Let it descend from this, the Spiritual Plane down through the Mental, Emotional, and Physical Planes, to heal where imbalance has left its mark.

In the fourth position: This passion for emotional balance and harmony will insist on equality in relationships, as close to so/so as it can get. This equality does not infer role swapping or the like, just that energy of participation be equal regarding both energy in and energy out from each partner (or from all participants in groups).

In the fifth position: You are planning how to correct an imbalance in the Emotional Plane. You may want to shift the weight from one area to another. The issues may already be on the table for discussion.

In the sixth position: This is Temperance in its home base and the effect will be especially strong. The reading may center to a great degree around this card here. in the near future you will be delicately balancing give and take. Remember that proper giving/taking does not require sacrifice from either party.

In the seventh position: Here may be a concern with the heart content of information, of words and ideas. Be as objective and fair as possible and still satisfy your goals.

In the eighth position: You are having to temper your actions, saying and doing less (or more as the case may demand if you have been too passive). Reconciliation may be underway. Redistribution of material resources with high emotional content.

In the ninth position: This heart understands that it will only get stronger if it can equalize the flow of energy in and energy out. It is in the process of redistributing energy at this very moment to achieve that balance. There may be a shift in the amount of normal giving, or taking, the desire to cooperate, to compromise.

In the tenth position: You will be washed with the emotional balm you need, suggesting you need the efficiency of all your energy directed toward a worthwhile endeavor of great benefit to you.

Temperance (R)

You have gone to extremes - recognize this lack of harmony. Stop and consider how things are going in your life. Frustration causes emotional stress, your judgment is then lacking - you need to look before you leap. Slow down and re-evaluate every thing - a different approach is required. You have lost sight of your *"art"*, your genius, your creative talents and your energies are being wasted and scattered. You are focused on the stress created by the conflict you are experiencing - forcing the issue is not the answer - you need total change.

Seek the advise of your *"inner"* Self - allow yourself to be quiet, experience the stillness - listen and the answers will be provided. Your inner self is always present and dependable - it is your true reality and when the time comes for you to find out who you are - the Voice inside of you will tell you who you are. Your experiences give you the material and data you need to make your decisions. Determine the course of your life - not the course that others desire for you - but the course that is right for you.

There are two sides to everything - the straight reasoning side and the *"feeling"* elements and both must balance - you can not have one without the other. It is time for you to become involved in the *"outer"* expression of your *"inner"* ideas. Each experience will tell you something new - allow yourself to flow with the experience and be led by your inner voice. When the time comes, you will know exactly what to do. It is through your *"inner"* awareness that you will know what is the appropriate action to take in any situation. Allow your old fears and habits to die away into the past. Calm down, avoid extremes and use the balance you have so carefully developed.

Notice that "*love in its lower manifestations turns into law by forming habits*." A problem of giving or taking in healthy proportions. In a sense this card functions as an emotional barometer. Not being able to take is a problem for many and is little recognized in modern society, where giving has received a *"good"* label and taking has received a *"bad"* label. You must learn to be a good taker or you will be denying others their right auld pleasure in giving. There can be too much mentality creating abstraction and limiting heart. Too little mentality in the emotional.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This emotional insistence on balance gives this path a steadfast quality that will help it weather many a storm.

In the second position: At one extreme, you are over concerned about doing too much and do not allow yourself enough range for experience. You may be considered dull because you simply refuse to do anything extraordinary. At another extreme, you are inconsistent and your actions cover a wide span.

In the third position: This energy of Temperance will work through you for someone close who needs the healing balance. Direct your mind and heart to this task.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, this can demand a sameness as opposed to an equality, or be intolerant of imbalances in the short run, destroying rather than fostering caring love.

In the fifth position: The mind can only address the issues here; the real work will still have to be done by the heart. The mind may be subverting or distorting knowingly the emotional issues at hand, and contributing to the problem.

In the sixth position: An imbalance of this principle may put your relationships, or your creative endeavors, to the test. Habits may become destructive. As a preventive measure ask someone on whom you can rely to give you brutally honest feedback on your behavior for awhile, and then listen to them.

In the seventh position: You may think of temperance as a weakness. You may even have a fear of compromise.

In the eighth position: Your action may be an over reaction. Reconciliation may be inappropriate or it may not be going well. Physical habits may be out of control; substance abuse appears here, with resulting damage to the body.

In the ninth position: With temperance, timing can be a problem. As we identify an imbalance we want to correct, we may not wait for the appropriate situation. Give and take requires willing parties on both ends whose souls have complimentary needs at the same time.

In the tenth position: The above is true, but in order for you to have the energy and motivation to help someone else get their project accomplished on time.

Ten of Cups

Follow the beat of your heart and be spontaneous and you will experience fulfillment, deep emotional contentment - the state of lasting happiness and the success that you desire through the realization of your personal hopes and dreams. You will know peace within, contentment and joy at last after pain. An indication of marriage - the perfection of human love and friendship. You find it difficult to accept that everything is working out well - things will happen suddenly. There will be exciting vibrations - a trip that will spell happiness.

Your fortune is where your passion is - *"listen"* to your passions and they will reveal your genius and bring you success. You have the gift of bringing light and good cheer to those around you - your family and relations are important to you, without them you do not feel whole. You need other people to communicate your inspirations and ideas to and their reactions matter to you. You maintain your individuality in your characteristics - but you need a highly social environment in which to express it, for this is what prosperity means to you.

God's grace and love show us that love, imagination and joy come to us as gifts - the rainbow of life promises happiness, not just the absence of pain. In our innocence, we accept happiness as the natural condition of life - expecting it and never wasting it. Allow your *"inner"* Self to experience the surge of joy - recognize the valuable qualities that exist in every situation.

Here is the completion of a major emotional/creative cycle, with outcomes as you would have them. This is the effect on the Emotional/creative Plane of having centered spiritually. Here are the highest possible emotional achievements - emotional longevity. You are emotionally secure, comfortable with your relationships and your self (both inner and outer). You have good emotional support systems in place and functioning. Emotional stability. Life is rich with sensations, meaning, and social interaction. You are as important to others as they are to you. This is the ultimate extension of self, in the Emotional/creative Plane. The terms of emotional/creative continuity and longevity, which can be the base, the encouragement to help you succeed.

Questions to Answer:

1. How are you living in harmony with your environment?
2. What is good in your life?
3. Where are you finding joy?
4. Where is home?
5. What are your hopes for future relationships?
6. What do you want in a family?
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Special Messages:

- **Next to any Tens**: Change is imminent - how radical will be determined by the number of tens in the spread.
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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The archetype of success and happiness as the crowning glory of lessons well-learned in the emotional/creative arena-this is your karmic purpose. Not so much to achieve it, as to live with it and share its lessons with others in all that you do. it will permeate your activities.

In the second position: Family love, universal love for your emotional resources - you should be a pillar of strength on which many others can depend. You now, in your turn, can make available all that has been made available to you. Emotional bonding and love make material resources available. Most obvious is manpower. People are there when you need them. The lessons of give and take here are perfectly balanced. In the act of giving, you are receiving and in the act of receiving, you are giving at the same time. No debts are incurred. Emotional/creative efficiency!

In the third position: An emotional/creative jackpot is at hand. This will Put things in your emotional house right where you want them. Now if you can just package the feeling.

In the fourth position: With the ideal of love as your main tapes, this will guide you in your passions and in your creative searches. This is one of the archetypes most advantageous here. Your approach to matters in this plane will be well-disposed to balancing personal and universal love, passion and compassion.

In the fifth position: The business of your Emotional Plane is uppermost in your mind, and well it should he from the looks of things. Whether by luck or hard work the present good conditions in vour relationships and/or creative endeavors are set to fast a long time.

In the sixth position: You may achieve your major emotional goals for this lifetime much earlier than expected, even in the near future. Success his its own brand of challenge, that your heart will experience as it projects toward even greater possibilities.

In the seventh position: Here may be the sense of accomplishment that broadens when others are involved with us in our goals. When you succeed, so do many others. On the positive, this is encouragement that cannot be bought; it must be earned and it is invaluable.

In the eighth position: The impact of such emotional and creative abundance on the Physical/material Plane is most welcome. These accomplishments are getting down where you can really enjoy them. This could be the emotional ebullience as the direct result of great financial or athletic news, even of great news about health. The positive effect of the energy being released here is enormous, and it will propel you into the next year with a head start.

In the ninth position: This is the feeling we like to imagine as prevalent in holiday celebrations with families, or in successful opening nights after years of creative preparation. This is emotional/creative reward time.

In the tenth position: The degree of harmony and success in your Emotional/creative Plane that you achieve not later than this time next year may catch you somewhat off guard.

Ten of Cups (R)

A highly charged situation has gone wrong and you are experiencing "burn-out" because you have chosen to turn your emotions inward against yourself rather than expressing them. This denial of your *"inner"* self is producing feelings of anger and deceit which are blinding you to the happiness life can offer you. The rainbow represents a promise - the actuality has to be worked for. You need to clearly envision your dreams of social harmony, global coexistence and your personal hopes for a happy family if you wish them to be realized. When the situation surrounding you is causing depression or sadness - do not worry - time will heal your aching heart, soon the sadness will depart. When you have experienced the terrible feeling of being "*let down*" - it suggests that your feelings have been hurt by the thoughtless actions of others - actions which have caused tears. Try not to *"analyze"* so much - be more spontaneous - allow your *"inner"* emotional contentment to radiate out in all aspects of your life and you will know satisfaction.

There can be serious problems with your emotional "families" - they may be strong, but they may not be correct or productive. A family or group may be smothering or in other ways taking advantage. The emotions of the group may be healthy within the group but may be too self-serving in the bigger picture.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This calls on you to help others achieve this archetype, whether in your own family or in society at large, while hanging on to the principles of love you have already digested.

In the second position: You may be too dependent on others, or they on you, strapping you for resources at this time.

In the third position: This may be more than you have expected. Or, it may be less than you had hoped for, or with a twist of some kind.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, the promise of love as the solution, the panacea of all the world's problems is somewhat distorted, most likely over-idealized. Some facet of your emotional package-your marriage, your family, your creative project-may be seen too much as an end rather than a means and part of a much larger continuum. In another extreme, the ideal of universal love and its perfection may be hindering you on the more personal level.

In the fifth position: You may be over or under evaluating the moment, A break in the emotional long-run may be contemplated. You may be sensing the end of a major cycle with many factors completely out of your control.

In the sixth position: The early achievement of a lifetime goal for your heart may stretch relationships and creativity in ways not anticipated. Likewise, for the disappointment of seeing a long-term goal disappear into impossibility. There may be a lack of support here for your emotional/creative goals.

In the seventh position: You may actually fear the forces operating within the structure of family, or in a creative legacy bound up with your strong talent. This is the onus of responsibility not to disappoint others, much more than a concern for self. There may be a lack of encouragement here, particularly for mental work.

In the eighth position: The events affecting your emotional/creative house may have overshot the mark, or fallen short.

In the ninth position:

In the tenth position: The emotional goals toward which you have been working will take on a new light. There are new factors which will change the chemistry of this plane.

Ten of Pentacles

You are offered the gift of wealth, abundance and prosperity through your communication and organizational skills. You are beginning to feel secure, but you still feel slightly detached. Your life will seem to just turn around and security will soon crown your efforts as your finances begin to prosper. You will soon be free from monetary concern. There will be gain in finance or position - a possible inheritance. You will know attainment, recognition and a great feeling of security. Use the wealth of these resources to build lasting structures in the world - make this a better place to live in by leaving something solid and tangible behind you. Support with your gifts the traditions that are meaningful to you - you gain valuable support from your friends, relations and heritage. Leave to those who come after what knowledge you can, but in your wisdom - realize that each new child must repeat the journey.

The gate has opened to the hidden experiences in ordinary things, so that you may recognize and appreciate the magic all around you. The angel has come - disguised as a beggar or traveller to test your virtues of hospitality and generosity, then leave a magical gift. By acting in a certain way - you create within yourself the ability to recognize and receive the blessings the world has to offer you. The everyday world contains a magic greater than any of us can see - the magic is all around us. It is in nature and in the very fact that life exists. Know that you are manifesting your visions and graciously accept the rewards.

You are a product of your conditioning - free yourself from it. The comforts that you take for granted and the troubles and miseries that you allow to occupy your mind are all a play in which you follow the parts set out for you by your upbringing and society. Go beyond these limitations - walk through the Gate and look down at the little dramas of your daily life. Allow yourself to experience the wild vibrant universe existing in the very center of the ordinary - then return, destroy the negative in your house and re - establish your moral codes.

Completion of a major physical/material cycle, with outcomes as you would have them, successful by the applicable standards of measurement. Established success, with visible benefits of your excess carried over for the material benefit of others, as in one generation of a family to the next. Material legacies. Family affairs in business, lasting security. The results of your material success are strategically important to others. Abundance, endurance, maturity, physical longevity - an ultimate extension of self in the physical plane. Here you find the storybook ending "*and they lived happily ever after*" which means that all of the main characters got exactly what they wanted. The only thing which prevents us from reaching all of our karmic goals is ourselves, in our inability to learn our lessons efficiently.

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4. What do you owe to family influence?
5. What is your status or position in the hierarchy or structure?
6. What will endure beyond this experience or situation?
7. How are you expected to behave under these circumstances?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Sun or World**: You will know fulfillment and true happiness.
- **Next to Lovers with Ace of Cups in the spread**: Celebration, union and great joy.
- **Devil and Tower with Two Aces in the spread**: Upsets - problems with business or career - other people are involved. You need to make fresh new plans and prepare for a new beginning.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is a path that must accommodate physical and material beauty and abundance. To those on the outside looking in at your obvious material well - being, it may seem as though you have been given an easy route, but your lessons will be tailored to this path, not theirs.

In the second position: Here is a man with an army and the war chest to pay them. This is what most of us would like to think of as our resources.

In the third position: Physical/material blessings are at hand for you and yours. The longer-term security you have been seeking is coming to pass.

In the fourth position: Here is the dream of a little girl to be the princess living in the moated castle with her loving king/ father and queen/mother with all the securities and benefits that go with the package, so secure that the dream has an extended ending in which she has become the queen with her own daughter/ princess.

In the fifth position: You are currently working on longer-term personal/family finances.

In the sixth position: Whether through inheritance or through self-achievement, much has come your way and its effects will have to be dealt with in all of your relationships, at home, work and play. Quite simply, money changes people. Here too, the effect would be one of profound physical improvement to you personally, in physique or cosmetically.

In the seventh position: There is a possibility of using or becoming part of a family venture or the family itself as a venture. A large medical opportunity appears here as well. There could be a genuine need for you to step in and save or preserve the enterprise/estate.

In the eighth position: Open up the banquet hall and let the feast begin. There is material abundance available that is more than most achieve in a lifetime. But it is here; it is now.

In the ninth position: The heart's feelings are centered around the material aspects of the family, possibly of all the creative energy that pours from the homestead itself. These feelings may be in the form of an unspoken wish for the warmth and good times to continue indefinitely.

In the tenth position: Material opportunities appear to challenge existing goals and expectations.

Ten of Pentacles (R)

Acknowledge when you are experiencing one problem after another, when nothing seems to run smoothly - when you feel lost and do not know what to do. When you become bored - you lean towards doing nothing and you can easily be persuaded to go in the wrong direction. If this sense of boredom increases - it can lead to taking financial or emotional risks - recognize that this urge to gamble everything, stands in direct opposition to your basic qualities of caution, skill and foresight. Sometimes a risk is justified, depending on the projected results - but, if the risk comes from impatience, then troubles can arise from recklessness or doing things at the wrong moment. You become so trapped by the need for material comfort that you become security conscious and the advancement mentality necessary for continuous growth.

Become self-motivated - be objective and take command of this situation. Utilize your gifts of communication, healing and inspiration and align with your *"inner"* Self. Organize things in your life - begin to communicate your *"inner"* desires and the results will be healing, inspirational and enriching.

Difficulties deriving from bountiful blessings - physical prowess/beauty or material possessions. Problems with inheritances appear. Lack of true appreciation for the magnitude of the material blessings. Improper/inadequate use of wealth. Fortune atrophying, need to invest. There is no concern of factoring in here of how many carcasses were strewn along the way to achieve such material success. At one extreme - this can even be a mafia godfather kind of ending in which one's own family ends up well off and very secure, but nothing is said to the families of others. In another example - placement of one's self and one's men in the castle built with hard and just labor of an enemy of the Christian God.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: A gentle reminder: This path, for all its obvious advantages, has no more and no less than any other, given your complete Karmic Contract. It may fall to you to hold an aging system together.

In the second position: Generally, there has been much in the way of physical and material resources, but there may be a hitch somewhere. Maybe it is time to review the troops, inspect the warehouse. Are the resources you have well-suited for the situation at hand?

In the third position: At one extreme - there may be a need for a second line of defense in your material world. Contingencies should be readied. At the other extreme - the possibility of an unexpected boon such as inheriting a house or substantial estate.

In the fourth position: The things that can go wrong with dreams made up of fairy tale stuff. At one extreme, there is the obvious problem of over idealism and unreasonable expectations. At the other extreme, there is the little girl with no dream, with no vision that anything approaching such well-being and happiness is remotely possible.

In the fifth position: There may not be as much material support from or for your family as you were counting on or you may be planning a major reworking of finances.

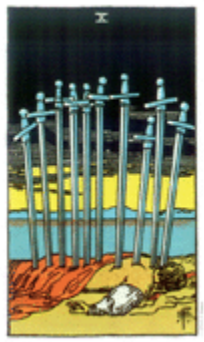
In the sixth position: Actions, reactions may be in the extreme here.

In the seventh position: Might you be scuttling your own expectations? Could this be fear of wealth, of being and looking successful? Can you handle it? Will it change your beliefs?

In the eighth position: What you have achieved is shocking by its excess or what you have achieved has fallen short of the mark.

In the ninth position: In one extreme, there is concern for family well - being.

In the tenth position: It will be a whole new world you are looking at. At one extreme, cracks in the financial foundation or the area of health care, that require immediate attention. At the other extreme, expansion and success to be coped with.



Ten of Swords

Are you feeling that your friends have turned against you? Are you experiencing the end of delusion in a spiritual matter - feeling as if you have been stabbed in the back? Are these feelings creating extreme unhappiness, depression and a deep sense of loss?

Tomorrow always dawns new hope! Release the fears that led you to this negative thinking - the thoughts that created your conscious decision that things would not work out. Allow yourself the right to give up - turn away from ungrateful friends and abandon this futile project. Stop fighting these losing battles! Rise up and look to help from higher powers. You are growing toward harmony - balance between the material and the spiritual things of the mind. Surrender and you will find that a change has occurred - you have been released. You can choose to run or discover that the monster you fear isn't half as bad as you *"think"* it is. Be realistic now - expand your thinking. Your "*life is not over*"! Make the necessary changes to correct this situation and do not allow it to engulf you again. Use your imagination, pursue your dream. Every vision is an *"illusion"* until it has become a reality and your reality is dependant on your point of view. Alter your mind and you immediately alter your reality.

The completion of a major mental cycle with outcomes as you would have them. The mind succeeds by succeeding itself. The old self is truly dead, killed by your own thoughts - long live the new Self. Death of the little ego self and re-birthing as a new revitalized greater Ego - the true Self has killed the conscious mind's ability to control you. From now on the intuitive spirit will have greater control. Major philosophical change - the mind has matured and will always function together with the intuitive in all matters of the intellect. With the awakening arrival of the Higher Self - you now function as the chairman of the board over all the lower selves and you can now make some real progress. True intellectual freedom with a strong commitment guided by free will. The soul is free and it is choosing in it's best interests...mental longevity.

Questions to Answer:

1. In what way are you feeling paralyzed or unable to act?
2. Where do you feel that you have no choice?
3. What are you being forced to accept?
4. What is being sacrificed?
5. What problem can you now let go of?
6. By totally accepting defeat, what are you now free to do?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Emperor**: You find it difficult to understand why everything happened the way it did.
- **Next to Hermit**: There is great need for deep thought - you must consider all future activities thoroughly.
- **Three Fives in the spread**: You are experiencing a cycle of sudden change - do not make plans until things are more settled.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Self-mastery. "Yea, thought I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." This fourth verse of the 23rd Psalm is the beautiful state of conscious confidence in God that the mind reaches with the Ten of Swords. What follows is the lessons of the Wands..."thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

In the second position: Your greatest physical asset is your mind. It is the bedrock of all your achievements in the hard reality of life in the physical/material realm.

In the third position: What dies here is innocence - not guilt. There is no real punishment being administered in the conversion of the conglomeration of little selves called *"ego"* into the uplifted Self. The reward for achieving the level of knowledge which opens the door to initiation - the beginning in earnest and complete conscious awareness of the lessons of the spiritual level.

In the fourth position: The passionate side of self-mastery, is the extraordinary feeling of self-love made possible by the ability of mind to acknowledge the God within, which is at one and the same time the absolute love of God, the God without. To have this guiding your early emotional tapes is fortunate indeed.

In the fifth position: You are very aware of the transformation through which you are going. You may even be dealing with this subject of the dark night of the soul for someone else or for purposes of study.

In the sixth position: Those less secure in their relationships with you may feel they are losing you. But if anything is lost, it

will not be because of anything you do or say.

In the seventh position: That wonderful moment lies in the near future, when you will have assimilated enough knowledge and assumed enough of its related responsibilities to be thrust onto the higher path to wisdom. You are smart, you know it, but you will not blow it.

In the eighth position: Say goodbye to the old you, hello to the new - for this is a moment of profound change. While this is a transformation centered on the cusp between the mental and the spiritual, there will be profound physical changes as well. While you are intellectually more heavy, having acquired much knowledge and accepted much responsibility, paradoxically you will be much lighter, in spirit. You may appear both older and younger at the same time - older because your wisdom shows through and younger because of your buoyancy.

In the ninth position: The heart and therefor your subconscious are immersed in the catharsis of the ego into greater awareness. This increase in knowledge and the greater acceptance of responsibility is enriching the contents of your emotional world, your relationships and your creative endeavors.

In the tenth position: Your transition to higher mind in preparation for the robes of the initiate is very smooth.

Ten of Swords (R)

Examine things from every angle and thoroughly pin down all the aspects of your situation. You are blocking reality, seeing only what you want to see. Fearing that everything is going to come tumbling down around you. Stretch yourself in your search for knowledge and with diligence you will develop wisdom. When you are coming out of a bad situation - expect new and positive vibrations! A Karmic lesson has been completed and there will be steady improvement now. When you are suffering from the aftermath of deep personal hurt - you need spiritual guidance. Go deep within and seek *"inner"* counseling - allow yourself to experience the peace - let go and rest in the presence of your *"inner"* strength. You are never alone and you can trust in the assurance of their guidance and protection.

Here are mental conclusions that are not correct in the given situation and the struggle of the ego continues against the input of the intuitive/spiritual. At an extreme, the ego can be very much out of control and causing damage to yourself and others. Mental immaturity - old-fashioned, raw egotism. Little or no mental longevity, lack of identification with universal mind.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You must solidify your control over the lower selves in this lifetime.

In the second position: You may be relying on some aspect of your intellectual armament that is not well-suited for you.

In the third position: The catharsis from mental to spiritual is in progress. What pain there may be is yours and yours alone - enjoy it now as it will pass and you will forever miss it, for it is sweet pain indeed. This is the pain of separateness which you are leaving behind. By going easy on others, you will be going easy on yourself.

In the fourth position: Balancing the inner and outer aspects of God are especially important on this path. One extreme leads to separation, the other to over-identification.

In the fifth position: Too much or too little conscious attention has been paid to the subject of transformation. Try to get a grip on what all the knowledge you have been given is for.

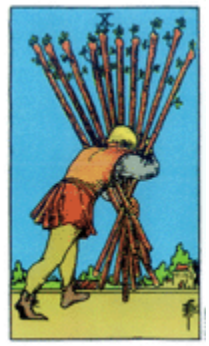
In the sixth position: Yes, you are a pretty smart cookie, but how are you using it in your relationships? How are you using your talents?

In the seventh position: This archetype in this position may just be what the word temptation was coined for. You have achieved such a mass of knowledge and have been so successful in the use of your willpower that you may be on the threshold of thinking that the power of mind is all you need and since you have that.

In the eighth position: Because this transformation at the upper levels does have physical repercussions, your body may have some difficulty assimilating the changes. Rest assured that these are growing pains much like those experienced as a teenager and the discomfort will pass. Exercise and bodywork are especially important at this time.

In the ninth position: Difficulties with too much or too little of this archetype may be painful and trying on your relationships. Or, it may be affecting your energy and ability to create.

In the tenth position: There may be some rough spots in your transition but they will be met by you confidently and with dispatch for you are being called forward and must be ready.



Ten of Wands

You have been under pressure and experienced many changes in your lifetime. Your creativity has been blocked because you have taken on too many responsibilities. You are experiencing an oppressive burden both physically and mentally. Dynamic change will *"seem"* impossible when you are burdened by too great a load or too many activities. When you take on other people's cares and projects - you are unable to take time for yourself. Your vision becomes blocked by the immediate concerns of day-to-day drudgeries. Reconsider the tremendous responsibilities you have taken on. Do you actually prefer life this way or are you purposely holding yourself back?

Has your eagerness to please others involved you in so many situations that your energy is weighed down with commitments and problems? Do you want to be free to travel, to seek adventure and new involvements - yet find yourself caught in an endless circle of responsibilities - family, financial and work? Do you take on all the total weight of your relationships - always trying to smooth whatever problems, conflicts or dissatisfactions arise - actually struggling to keep a relationship going while the other person is not even aware of what is happening?

You have created these situations yourself - by acting without thinking or taking on a new problem simply for the challenge. In practical or emotional affairs - other approaches are possible - recognize now that these burdens can be avoided. Consider now if your burdens are real or if they are serving as an excuse to avoid doing something really constructive with your life - such as allowing yourself to break away from a bad situation?

Begin to stretch the limits and boundaries you have placed on yourself - extend yourself. Confront your fear of success and begin to move forward and grow. Experience the unfamiliar and grow in understanding. See with greater clarity your subconscious fears, your intuitive wisdom and your personal power. Teach yourself to be at home anywhere; to be versatile, adaptable and flexible.

The completion of a major spiritual cycle, with outcomes as God would have them. The ultimate extension of the self in the Spiritual Plane. The merging of God within (self-will/man's will) with the god without (God's will). Hard work and so correctly communicates the paradox of spiritual fulfillment as more work, more responsibility - not less. Our path leads ever to more work, but we are ever more capable of handling it. Things get both harder and easier. Duality - the completion of one cycle is merely the preparation for the next even greater task. A knowing relationship with the Divine, a hands-on working knowledge of the endless cycle of underlying ultimate truths. The soul in control - a spiritual master in the making. Not only do we have the wisdom which is the ability to manage knowledge, here is the Wisdom which is the ability to manage spirit. Spiritual longevity, individual spirit identified with universal spirit - a dedicated life to whom much is given and much is required. Wisdom.

Questions to Answer:

1. What responsibilities are weighing heavily on your shoulders?
2. What are you feeling burdened with?
3. What is your goal?
4. When will you get there?
5. Who or what is restricting you and keeping you from manifesting your full radiant energy?
6. Why have you taken on these responsibilities?
7. How can you best use your powers and energies?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Fool**: You have miscalculated or misjudged a situation, reconsider every aspect and correct.
- **Pentacles and Cups on all sides**: Prosperity and growth of the right kind in business.
- **Next to Star**: Ventures will be successful - it will happen soon.
- **Followed by Nine of Swords**: Success can be stopped - prepare your mind for any opposition that can arise.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Much of your energy in this incarnation will be lent to others, to help them with their lessons. To do this, you will be side by side with them experiencing the same thoughts, the same feelings, but with your understanding you will lend that extra advantage to help them along. This is to be an arm of God's grace.

In the second position: To others, your resources may seem as magic for what you need is always at hand when you need it. It may not, however, be there the day before. For this path never asks for more than it needs, allowing the world resources to be

allocated when and where the need is greatest. It has no need for stockpiling against the advent of disaster.

In the third position: This is the work for which you were born. Accomplish well what is on your table now and more will be given you, and more, and more and more.

In the fourth position: The passion here at such a young age is hard to imagine for it is so filled with spiritual fervor - a depth of love that usually requires years of study and experience - but the love of God which strikes every mortal heart every second of every day can be returned by any of us, even at such an early stage. This passion is purely and simply love of the spirit that infills man - love of God.

In the fifth position: You are aware of the importance of this time and of what you are doing. It is both difficult and yet easy, for it is right and it feels right.

In the sixth position: In the near future as your heart commits to higher goals, there will be adjustments for you and those nearest you.

In the seventh position: This next year your mind will grow by leaps and bounds as you learn your lessons at a dizzying pace. But your appetite will be for no more than you can handle well. You will feel the in-surge of power.

In the eighth position: If everything seems to be happening at once, that's because it is. It may be a very simple event in itself, involving just yourself or you and a few close to you, but there may be far - reaching implications. But, it also may be a truly grand affair, creating quite a stir for others as well as yourself. You may be very instrumental in bringing this event of consequence about.

In the ninth position: Here is energy and motivation of the highest order for the worthwhile purposes at hand.

In the tenth position: You can safely accept greater responsibility for your willingness and ability to learn has made you much stronger.

Ten of Wands (R)

Take a look at your original goal and see if you are still on course. When you fulfill personal obligations and agreements, you develop the maturity essential to all social relationships. You develop faith in yourself and your ability to accomplish your goals.

Your burdens have increased in weight and number to the point where you may collapse from them - physically and emotionally. You are holding yourself back, limiting your vision by giving your power to others. It is vitally important that you release yourself - stop restricting your activities and remove yourself from the oppressive situations in your life where you feel you are holding yourself back and unable to fully express all of who you are. Throw down the burdens, attempt a new direction and use your energy for a better, more constructive purpose. Continue to grow - don't give up now - be willing to take the risk and reach for your goals.

There may be an overly long pause at this level, a hesitation to go on with the next task. Spiritual egotism - presumption of a high order. Spiritual abuse, negligence. Spiritual vertigo. The symbol of Fascist Italy was a bundle of rods tightly tied together - suggesting that the Italian State had combined and coordinated the force of all its elements. Here is power without the commensurate level of responsibility.

Questions to Answer:

1. What responsibilities are weighing heavily on your shoulders?
2. What are you feeling burdened with?
3. What is your goal?
4. When will you get there?
5. Who or what is restricting you and keeping you from manifesting your full radiant energy?
6. Why have you taken on these responsibilities?
7. How can you best use your powers and energies?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Fool**: You have miscalculated or misjudged a situation, reconsider every aspect and correct.
- **Pentacles and Cups on all sides**: Prosperity and growth of the right kind in business.
- **Next to Star**: Ventures will be successful - it will happen soon.
- **Followed by Nine of Swords**: Success can be stopped - prepare your mind for any opposition that could arise.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your lessons are in how to be a good guardian angel. You must learn how to polish the apple, not how to be an apple polisher.

In the second position: There may be the temptation to perform magic, thereby distorting the spiritually equitable distribution of material resources.

In the third position: What you have presumed was your work is the work of another.

In the fourth position: this love of Godly spirit, however noble, must not be in lieu of worldly love or it is not Godly spirit. Even the recluse, the monk, the ascetic to be on the proper path - must love the world and all its material wonders and be intimately and intricately involved with its progress.

In the fifth position: The present work situation does not add up for you. Your evaluation may be correct; this may not be the correct work. Or, this may be the correct work and it is your evaluation, your attitude that is in error.

In the sixth position: The demands of higher responsibility may be hard for you to accept this next year, but the choice is yours. You may not get much help from others.

In the seventh position: This interim may be a little frustrating as you will feel you are ready for more responsibility, but you must handle what is in front of you before asking for more.

In the eighth position: There may be considerable abuse of power taking place here.

In the ninth position: Your heart is having difficulty offering up the energy, the motivation you need if you are to meet this task. At another extreme, your heart may be offering too much energy for the situation or energy for the wrong situation.

In the tenth position: It is easy to get confused even at this level, for with greater knowledge comes greater temptation, greater power. Be cautious of the trap of accepting only one - half of the inner/outer duality/reality of God. Neither assume the identity of God via the godness in you, nor disappear in the God outside of you losing the identity which is the purpose of your incarnation.

Three of Cups

The crisis has passed, your work has produced good results and something good is on the way. Your talents and sensitivity lie hidden just beneath the surface - allow your metaphysical interests to develop. Open your heart - deep fulfillment is realized through love - give and receive it. Love is a relationship - share your ideas, your touch, your projects and your growth. Follow your heart and you will know joy, your hopes will be complete and there will be a happy conclusion.

Success - the beginning of a new lifestyle and the commencement of a love which is mutual. You have the gift of an abundant communicating heart - the ability to communicate feelings, especially the nurturing, positive, lighthearted feelings of love. The emotional riches that you experience are shared with friendship and hospitality. You love to celebrate your mutual accomplishments and you work well with others because you bring out the best in them. People reveal aspects of themselves that they normally couldn't share. Your natural grace, rhythm and harmony make you enjoyable to be around - you inspire others with your belief in them and in their capabilities.

First the ends, the results of our alliances established in the Two of Cups, then the means by which we hope to create the tranquility of a security/foundation in the Four of Cups. Here are the fruits of your emotional choices and decisions. Emotional/creative life flourishes - love of what love can bring. Joy. Children/happy issues, creative issues, projects of love. Love growing and expanding. Commitment, sociability - opening up emotionally and continuing to open up - but still predominantly one-on-one ... not necessarily limited to a mate or romantic/sexual partner. The results of love, affection and sex. The effect of the mind on the emotions pushes you forward to experience, to feel more in a completely positive sense.

Questions to Answer:

1. How have you been enjoying yourself?
2. How do you relax with others?
3. What is bringing you joy?
4. What talents do you have and how have you been using them?
5. What do you want to communicate or share with others?
6. What cause is there for celebration in your life?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Hierophant**: Expect an unusual or unconventional gathering or meeting.
- **Next to Death**: Expect a complete change in your lifestyle or work - much like starting all over again.
- **Next to Temperance**: Take your time now, adapt yourself to the new experiences and get accustomed to the exciting changes.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This is a path of emotional responsibility, family in its most obvious guise. But, this responsibility can take many forms. Here the path is one of intimacy and involvement, an intertwining of paths that produces additional paths.

In the second position: Your greatest physical/material resources come from what you have produced from your emotional/creative partnerships. In one most obvious sense of this from one's children, in the physical/material assistance they offer. But it can also be from the jewel produced in a creative partnership, such as a stage play.

In the third position: Expect the joyful fruits of your labor. This is a time when you should want to produce, to seek and enjoy evidence of your heart's enterprises. Something new is being created - there is a joyful birth here.

In the fourth position: The ideal of children, of creative issue, of generating something new and vital in partnership with an other/others, speaks loudest to your heart.

In the fifth position: You are thinking about fruition, expression, creation. You are planning for expansion in your Emotional Plane, out of the relationship(s) you have already established or out of the creative groundwork you have already laid. As with the germination of an idea, here is the seed of emotional growth planted first in the mind.

In the sixth position: The heart reacts as relationships respond to the growth in your emotional world. You become bigger in the coming year with desirable additions/extensions in your Emotional Plane.

In the seventh position: The love of truth and the urge for understanding push you forward into new emotional, creative

dimensions. Here is the impact of the products of your fertility on your Mental Plane. What you have been doing based on your emotions must now pass the test of mind.

In the eighth position: Review the general meanings, as one or more of these aspects of emotional fruition and growth are present in your world now or they will be in the near future. This should be a time of fullness and excitement as you are filled with the energy of new life, new possibilities. You are able to witness and enjoy the results of your love and creativity, perhaps the birth of a child or project.

In the ninth position: You may not be consciously thinking about fruitation, expression and creation - the expansion of your Emotional Plane, but these are the concerns of your heart and of your subconscious mind. Here is the seed of emotional growth rooted in the heart.

In the tenth position: Healthy issue in your Emotional Plane, the next step in your expression/experience of love. This could have come earlier, but it is appropriate here. This may be the child you have been waiting for or perhaps the birth of a creative idea or project.

Three of Cups (R)

Balance your emotions now - you are being too overbearing - placing *"conditions"* on your expressions of love. You tend to do everything in the extreme - you work too hard or you play too hard and you must now learn to balance the two. Recognize when circumstances are changing - when what was good begins to cause pain, the loss of happiness, the failure of a friendship or disillusionment when you find that your friends did not support you when you needed them. Never dwell on what is happening. Turn right around and concentrate all your energies in a new direction. Experience your emotions completely and once the grieving process is over - straighten up and take charge of your life again. Create new plans, fill your life with new interests. Make a conscious decision not to feel sorry for yourself - you have much yet to accomplish. Communicate the abundance of your feelings in ways that nurture, comfort and motivate other people and this will generate tangible abundance for you.

An emotional or creative block - problems with what has issued from your emotions or creative projects. The proper function of the mind to push you forward emotionally, to tempt you and it will be a force to be reckoned with. An unwanted child or pregnancy. Not wanting what love can bring. Infertility, abortion, even having/wanting the pain that can come with love - unrequited love, grief, sadness.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This can indicate the uniqueness of the path in fulfilling this archetype of karmic purpose. The definition of *"family"* or "happy issue" may be unconventional, including the paradoxical combination of a hedonistic, yet familial lifestyle as the productive fruit. This life may require not having biological offspring.

In the second position: Your greatest physical/material resources come from what you have produced from your emotional/creative partnerships. For instance - one's children and the physical/material assistance they offer. This suggests that some aspects should be improved to strengthen your foundation before proceeding.

In the third position: There may be a delay, adjust your expectations in your Emotional Plane. Or, the product of your labor may be other than anticipated, possibly much more or much less.

In the fourth position: This ideal may be in some extreme form, either of wanting to produce in quantity or of not wanting to produce at all.

In the fifth position: You may want to delay or stop any emotional new seed at this point. But the opposite could also be true; you may be planning for growth in degrees or ways that are excessive. You cannot force joy or sadness; they are the results of intricate, long-term interactions.

In the sixth position: Do not try to cast too many characters in your play or try to throw too many clay pots on your wheel. Or, the opposite extreme, do not hold back and limit yourself unnecessarily.

In the seventh position: You may have fears related to your projections from love or you may be completely lacking in even reasonable concerns in these matters.

In the eighth position: Neither let too much joy distort the moment of fruition, nor too much sadness a moment of disappointment.

In the ninth position: Either the heart is passionately obsessed with this potential for emotional growth or it desires the reverse.

It may want to maintain the status quo for the moment or in extremes, it may actually want a reversal or diminution of the emotional package. The heart may want to simplify its world.

In the tenth position: This is what you must accept in your emotional/creative affairs by the end of this next year, as purposeful and good in your Karmic Contract. It will be much more or much less than your heart had hoped for. Possibly, you will be infused with the urge to loosen up and expand or you will be encouraged to cut back and accept a slower pace for a time.

Three of Pentacles

Persistence - clear priorities and commitments - your mind, heart and spirit moving in the same direction. You love your work, you are well informed and you can make great progress now. You have great skill, ability and talent - use them. Recognition is possible - your efforts will finally be rewarded. You are aware of the harmony that can result when you use your best skills in cooperation with other capable partners. You have the ability to create and work out practical plans for any project - advancing step by step because you recognize and value the role of each person in any endeavor. You ground your vision in the practical world through physical effort.

Clarify your priorities and commitments - stick with the endeavors that you want to make stable, solid and tangible in your life. Support your creations with patience and tender loving care. Combine love with wisdom and hard work with play and with a proper nurturing attitude your creativity will pay off and you will reap the harvest. Hard work and dedication to your goal will result in mastery. Your best work combines both your spiritual understanding and your technical skills with energy and desire - it can raise you to higher levels. It should be rooted in the reality of the world and the needs of the community. Practical work, done consciously and with commitment can serve as a vehicle for self - development.

Here are the fruits of your physical/material choices and the resulting growth. The resolution - expression and creation from the physical thesis/antithesis. Productive labor, healthy progress, craftsmanship, correct quality workmanship. Dedicated student/apprentice in a quality program with good guidance. A working, hands-on knowledge of things physical/material. The application/blending of mind with the physical. Practicality.

Questions to Answer:

1. How do you work with others?
2. What are you working on?
3. What is your goal?
4. What skills are you using?
5. Are you willing to persevere?
6. How are you taking or expressing criticism of the work being done?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Sun or Wheel of Fortune**: Have faith in your own talents - you are on the right path and should feel secure.
- **Three swords in spread**: There is loss possible in some negotiation - be prepared to make a change.
- **Next to Emperor**: You are experiencing a battle of wills - a clash of personalities in your working situation.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your art - the output of your handiwork, the beauty that flows from the movement, the use of your body, the mystery you unlock from the inert materials of the world - is carried to such a high level as to bear witness to the hard reality of the spiritual realm, of the certain existence of God.

In the second position: Your ability to extract a finished product from something entirely raw. Your art, your craft itself. *"You"* - once you turn on and apply yourself to a task. Independence, resourcefulness - the survivor's instinct and talent to shape his environment to his support rather than his demise.

In the third position: Healthy progress/growth presents itself. Produce now. You are awakening to the work that is your craft. Raise your will to the potential that will be released when you truly apply yourself. Now is the time for you to take charge of your affairs. The energy you invest will be rewarded.

In the fourth position: Passion for an art/craft, even a material, i.e. a sculptor's love for stone, a weaver's love for cloth, the farmer's love of the soil. This will most likely be your livelihood, but it may make do as your hobby. Relationships and activities will be subordinated to this love for your work.

In the fifth position: You are planning now for growth in your Physical/material Plane - health, business, et al. Perhaps taking a much more personal interest in your business or personal affairs - how to imporve the quality/quantity.

In the sixth position: Your feelings will center optimistically around physical/material progress. Your activities in work, diet, exercise, finances or such on your relationships, your personal life and/or creative endeavors will be very positive.

In the seventh position: You will be tested in matters of business, health, et al. There is nothing to fear hear. These are challenges to bring you further toward your goal of being productive and efficient in what you do so that there is a healthy surplus.

In the eighth position: You are immersed in increase in your Physical/material Plane - matters of work, diet, exercise, finances or such. You may take this as a status report that things are as they should be. You are doing your work, your exercise and things are going well.

In the ninth position: While you may not be talking openly about your health, work or security, internally this is your concern. Your gut feels it and will push for mental accommodation.

In the tenth position: Your safety net, the grace on which you can depend this next year involves resolution - healthy growth in your Physical/material plane.

Three of Pentacles (R)

Trying to "*do it all*" leads to work-a-holism which is just as devastating to love and creativity as any other excess. You sacrifice many things for the sake of one. You begin to stifle others by imposing standards and values to the extent they can not be themselves.

You now have the opportunity to demonstrate and share your work with others - which will satisfy your need for their feedback and approval. You will go much farther with the active support and encouragement of those around you. You have the discipline to work long and hard, but you need to understand the overall plan, otherwise you tend to get hung up in details or caught up in the drudgery of meaningless exertion. Things continue - either getting worse or improving, but at a slow steady pace.

Stand back periodically and take a look at the whole picture. Form a mental picture of the completed project. Always strive to learn more, to gain more experience. Challenge yourself to do more and with time and patience, learning to take it easy and not always trying to rush things - you will succeed. You will learn to focus on your ambition and extend the effort necessary to succeed.

Perhaps the category of work is wrong. Lack of direction or wrong direction. Productivity is blocked or below an acceptable level. The student/apprentice may not be doing as well learning the trade as he might. Supervision may be too harsh or lacking altogether. There may be some sort of subversion of a productive process. Physical inertia, laziness or over enthusiasm or too much work taking place. The amount of work being done exceeds what is proper or necessary for the desired end product - the mark of a workaholic fits here.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: There will be parallel developments/effects in this lifetime directly as a result of the power this talent possesses. The work will predominate.

In the second position: It is hard to imagine how one can be too resourceful, too independent, but that may be what is implied here. It could be that you have much more of these qualities than you have used thus far.

In the third position: On the one extreme, the production/ progress will be more than expected and a problem to deal with in itself. On the other extreme, production/progress will be less than expected or hold up production for the moment. Check materials, production process and such.

In the fourth position: In one extreme - passion may be excessive. Without balancing with other input/activity to some degree - the work itself will suffer by losing its relevance and vitality. In the other extreme - the passion is not sufficiently honored and not for appropriate reasons.

In the fifth position: Perhaps over doing the thinking in physical/material matters. On the other hand you may not be planning enough or about the correct things.

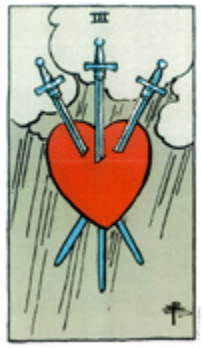
In the sixth position: Question of proper progress/conduct in physical/material matters will be of concern. The effect of your physical/material activities is positive but so profound as to require accommodation. On the other hand, the effect may be potentially harmful and will have to be handled deftly.

In the seventh position: On the one hand, you may have worries in matters of business or health, but these problems will be more in your head than in reality. On the other hand, you may be too carefree and not paying enough concern to these matters. You may not be meeting the challenges.

In the eighth position: Study the reverse meaning - something is affecting your productivity adversely.

In the ninth position: The discomfort here may be severe, with vivid, assertive dreams possible. Or, the opposite can be true, that the gut feeling is not correct and that your fears are unjustified. The subject still needs to reach the light, the attention of mind but not for accommodation, for clarification.

In the tenth position: On the one hand, the matters of the Physical Plane - health, business, etc. are doing so well as to free your attention for the other Planes. (Emotional, Mental & Spiritual) On the other hand, problems with the Physical Plane will rivet your attention there, for positive work that needs to be done.



Three of Swords

Focus and release this conscious state of sadness. Experience your emotions fully, so that you will not get blocked by them. Sorrow is the cleansing and purifying process of grief. Allow your feelings to wash over you and release any anguish that has built up. Even in the most loving relationships there are times of conflict, hurt and separation. Try to solve your problems by expressing your feelings through some creative form. Deal with your old patterns in a new way and release the constraining energy so that healing is possible. Refuse to harbor any negative thoughts.

Allow your feelings to flow freely - focus on them, experience them and then release them completely. This will allow a new creative breakthrough to enter and take it's place. There is only one response to true sorrow - do not push the pain away from you - take it into your heart, accept it and go beyond it. Allow it to be transformed by courage and love! Acceptance and love can turn a painful experience into a joyful memory - an embracing of life. New ideas germinate from within and await their birth. Be creative and let your ideas out. Love what you have to give the world, give your spirit freedom and discover an endless source of new life through your creativity.

The end results of arbitration and agreements - producing the means by which we can achieve a meditative/secure foundation.

Mental resolution and clarity emerging from the influence of the lower emotions. Does not damage or limit the heart - represents the wise mind that springs from the strength of a loving, pure heart. The elemental heart is harnessed in order to use its energy for self-expression, ambition, productivity, efficiency, organization, progression, articulation, communication, literacy, wit, extroversion, expression, enthusiasm, directness, publicity, commitment, trust, decisiveness, rationality and factuality.

Questions to Answer:

1. In what ways are you suffering, feeling jealous or hurt?
2. Has anyone hurt your feelings?
3. What are you feeling sorrowful about?
4. Who would you like to hurt or "*get back at*"?
5. Can you look at your relationships with truth and honesty?
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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You are a warrior for clarity of purpose and efficiency of execution. To be able to listen and learn, to talk and to teach. Determination here leads to organization and preparedness.

In the second position: Great clarity, organization and communication in your physical world. Personal/business regimens are efficient, geared for quick response - good logistics and mobility when needed and necessary.

In the third position: You will have the clarity and sense of purpose you need to commit yourself to timely tasks. See the organization around you in nature and realize that very same administration is in you. Move forward now with confidence to secure the mental foundation that awaits.

In the fourth position: Passion for the advancement of knowledge, the progress of mind. You honor the assertiveness of your mind in all your relationships and creative affairs. You are able to express your emotions mentally as well as your ideas. The heart is in love with the mind's ability to express itself in terms that please the heart. This is the mark of the poet/playwright and every facet of drama, advertising, publicity. Especially original and creative in mental fields.

In the fifth position: Here you may be either too forward or too backward and while there may be hesitation from lack of confidence, you might well be avoiding the discipline and work required.

In the sixth position: As your intellectual acumen increases and it becomes more and more evident in how you express yourself, it ripples through your relationships and creative activities. In the near future, three months to a year, this effect will be

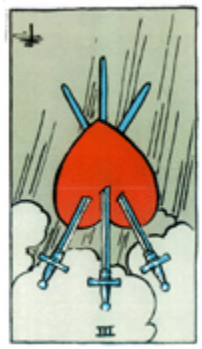
particularly strong. Enjoy your expanded personality and look forward to where it is taking you.

In the seventh position: You must face how to handle your mental growth, how to extract your position and self-expression from what has influenced you thus far. Apprehension here comes from the fact that this is a cutting of the intellectual umbilical cord as you launch into the unknown of your own ideas. But just as you did not loose your mother when you separated from her at birth, neither will you be alone in this process. You do not need to wait for further information or advise.

In the eighth position: The projections of your mind are the center of your actions. A time for self-expression and influence on your environment and those around you, ranging from informal conversations to taking to the stage, the page or the podium. You are putting your best foot forward. A time of organizing for maximum effectiveness.

In the ninth position: There is considerable activity emotionally, a pleasant unrest in the heart to be actively immersed in the swirl of ideas in your head, to give them greater life, greater physicality. Here is the heart's decision to be a player on the world stage.

In the tenth position: Here is the wise mind springing forth from the loving, pure heart. This marks the beginning of a productive period of self-assertion, building on a solid base of discerning knowledge. You are energized and ready to make yourself seen and heard, with a mind directed to the noblest of causes.



Three of Swords (R)

It is always hard to bear the pain of separation or understand why we can be inflicted with such sorrow. Learn to be receptive to circumstances which are not constructive learning situations and consciously make the choice to remove yourself from any situation which produces sorrow or negative vibrations. You are trying to become involved with the environment after a lengthy time of detachment and reflection which has been disturbed by negative memories. Concentrate your efforts on organization - see the past as a whole picture. Stop limiting your viewpoint by focusing only on the smaller aspects which created the sorrow and heartache - this only causes confusion.

Be the peacemaker - never be afraid to say you are sorry. Always think before you speak so that you will not feel sorry after it's too late. When something *"appears"* so painful that you find yourself trying to push it away - trying not to think about it and avoiding any reminders of it - realize that this attitude only keeps the pain within you and actually increases its hold on you. Learn to accept your situation so that the healing process will not become blocked. Allow yourself to experience the pain - give yourself the right to grieve and release the heartache. Let it go - then, once the upset, pain and tears have gone - open the door to new experience. Your aching heart will need someone.

Some difficulty exists in integrating lower emotions into requirements of mind. Mind may not be integrating/using heart energy properly. Difficulty with self-expression or expressing too much. Too secretive, too gossipy. Illiterate or too literate. On one extreme, anger/loss of control - on the other extreme, placid to a fault. Misunderstanding and misuse of mind in relation to heart. Introverted or too extroverted. Shy or too verbose.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Your temptation will be to rush your programs. Remember to be patient while synthesis is evolving. Work to develop consensus even though you are confident with your evaluation and want to get on with things.

In the second position: Do not let your penchant for organization become an end in itself. Neither go to the opposite extreme of not having the organization and clarity you might need for contingencies as well as for daily physical needs.

In the third position: Be patient, your mind is waiting for the energy the heart must give it to move forward. That process is evident in this reading.

In the fourth position: The passions of the heart must never yield entirely to the mind. The path is love, not an exercise.

In the fifth position: Here you may be either too forward or too backward. And while there may be hesitation from lack of confidence, you might well be avoiding the discipline and work required.

In the sixth position: Your mental growth is positive and proper for your path, but it doesn't have to be aggressive or subdued to avoid conflict.

In the seventh position: While you certainly need not fear this extroversion of your personality and goals, you should not race ahead expecting the waters to part as the world falls at your feet. You must be convincing at each step.

In the eighth position: Be sure that it is your best foot that you put forward. When cleaning house, do not throw the baby out

with the bath water.

In the ninth position: A heart that is too immersed in the swirl of the mind, refusing to come out into the physical world or a heart that refuses to fund the energy necessary for such mental projects.

In the tenth position: You will need to be patient, as your mind waits for the energy the heart must give it to move forward. That process is taking place. The lessons presented in this reading are aimed at helping that happen now. The knowledge you will have acquired outpaces temporarily the heart's motivation to use it to maximum effect.

Three of Wands

Virtue and integrity - the union of your mind, heart and action working in harmony with one another. You have the ability to envision new possibilities long before they become a reality. New business ventures will prosper with the right teammate - someone willing to give you assistance - a creative partnership. You can receive the help you need from someone knowledgeable. Indicates the potential commencement of an enterprise. Your foundation is firm and work can be fearlessly continued.

You travel farther in your mind than some people ever do in physical reality and you have many unusual experiences. You need to first acquire a sense of your terrain before you begin anything. You get excited by your visions and can communicate your enthusiasm to others - yet sometimes, your distance from where things are happening leaves you with no concept of how to get down to work and put your ideas into action. You have the ability to love more than one person - when you are always seeking something that is out of reach - you may fail to appreciate fully the good things that are close at hand. You have a great need for the free expression of your thoughts and feelings - yet you are steadfast and dependable. Your love and care for the people in your life is strong and can be felt even from a great distance.

Allow your spirit to merge with your visions - to explore and seek out new, deeper experiences - while you stay behind, rooted in reality, directing the images to their greatest potential. Maintain a primary commitment to your existing situations and relationships while at the same time looking for new friends, lovers and adventures. Having known trouble, struggling with the past - you now come to peace with your memories. Prepare yourself to move forward. Be open to helping everyone - including yourself. Know that everyone is suffering in some way - accept everyone's frailties and shortcomings with tolerance. Commit yourself with unconditional love to help others become whole. You have the ability to heal through your understanding love and healing hands - be gentle, be patient. Compassion is nurturing and loving and the results will renew your spirit. Follow and trust your guides and intuition - love is the divine healing power - be optimistic - use it!

Spiritual purpose moving with the will of a dedicated, efficient mind behind it. Intuitive decisions have been made and the wheels are in motion. The fruition and extension of past discoveries rather than a launch into the totally new. Optimism, a "knowing that you know" kind of confidence that feeds your commitment to serious work. There is an objective awareness of your Karmic Contract and enthusiastic agreement to carry it out to the letter. Dedication. Visionary insight joins the clarity of mind, enabling you to be meticulous, accurate, painstaking as you organize in the Spiritual/Intuitive Plane and prepare toward your foundation. Now there is power and strength and wisdom enough for major achievements. One eye on the past, the other on the future as you walk the balance beam of life.

Questions to Answer:

1. Where do your ambitions lie?
2. Where are you putting your attentions?
3. What and whom are you drawing to yourself through your vitality, power and energy?
4. What are you envisioning for the future?
5. What and with whom do you have to coordinate to achieve your plan?

Special Messages:

- **Strength or Justice in the spread**: Keep going, you will receive your reward and eventually benefit from all your efforts.
- **Next to High Priestess**: Your intuitive powers will awaken and you will experience deeper understanding if you seek spiritual goals.
- **Next to Wheel of Fortune**: The day will be won with a positive attitude.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: This lifetime is marked by activity and preparation. There is a pleasant restlessness, a balance of contentment with what you already have in your spiritual portfolio and of dissatisfaction with the status quo, a hunger for the effect of the unknown.

In the second position: You tend to be in the right place at the right time. Some call this lucky, but it is because you pay close attention to your Physical/material Plane. You do this, not out of fear of things going wrong, but because you are happier when things go right. You are a contingency planner, with an excellent early warning system based on your ability to see the big picture and in detail.

In the third position: This is the time when you can build a bridge between the past and the future. You are in the forefront of action and movement - look within and ahead now rather than behind for answers. Others will need to look to you, even as you continue to learn now from your guides, from the path itself.

In the fourth position: This passion is for the sensation of the journey itself, between departure and arrival. Here is the excitement of movement, once choice has been made...until time for the next choice. This interim carries its own special sensations. There is a sense of rightness about past events tinged with the mystery of future events, but both are overwhelmed by the liberty of the moment at hand.

In the fifth position: You have decided that you are ready to assume more independence, to speak your mind as you organize and re-organize for greater effectiveness. You have discovered things you know others need to know as well and at the same time, you are beginning to be original in your thinking and want to share these thoughts as well.

In the sixth position: Considerable time and energy will be devoted to the administration and execution of your program/ journey. Resources previously allotted elsewhere will be diverted to there new channels. This will be your heart's priority in the near future.

In the seventh position: This is the complimentary test - here we see that it is the will that is the wind in your sails. The excitement and promise that this holds out for you is generating your plans at this time. Perhaps you have seen the travel agent, even bought the ticket already.

In the eighth position: You have begun or will begin in the near future, an ambitious expansion of your activities toward your goals. This action brings much more interaction with others. As Sherlock Holmes would have said, "The game is afoot." Your mental/spiritual affairs have taken center stage.

In the ninth position: Your heart longs for the new experience of the fork in the path you have taken. It will provide the desire and the energy if the will decides this is the right time for you to be more independent and assertive.

In the tenth position: Better for you to have organized and launched your own voyage, but here it is ready or not. It was imminent. Now it is here. Bon Voyage! Once underway you will have trouble realizing what all the hesitation was about.

Three of Wands (R)

Learn to be receptive to your needs for a new direction - recognize when your talents, skills and efforts are being wasted. There will be resolution after some struggle - but, much work is still needed. The proper balance has not been obtained because you are preoccupied with your *"inner"* thoughts to the exclusion of outer advantages. You are actually looking away from the power that is available to you. You have become too giving and this allows others to take advantage of you. You need to check everything before moving ahead. A careless approach can ruin everything. You may experience the failure of some project due to *"storms"* or problems that are greater than you had anticipated.

You are trying to become involved with the environment after a lengthy time of detachment and reflection which has been disturbed by negative memories. You must be alert to the new opportunities that present themselves and use them wisely. Remain open and receptive to new business ventures and partnerships with reputable people. Be willing to operate from a place of integrity as you move forward - assured in your mind that your heart, mind and spirit are in balance and you are clear on how you wish to handle upcoming situations and the important choices you will be making.

There can be flaws that interfere, keeping dramatic progress on the path just out of reach. The desired qualities for this stage may be present in abundance, but for some reason, the project at hand is off target. Check, possibly right project, wrong motivation or right motivation, wrong project. Guard against over optimism and spiritual vanity as you would against pessimism. Guard against complacency as you would against a nomadic restlessness forever more and more.

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In the first position: You may be required to use your energies more in shoring up the existing portfolio which may try your patience or you may be required to spend your time almost entirely on projections into new discoveries which may test your continuity with the past.

In the second position: At one extreme, this may have the discomfort of predestination, of knowing in advance. Another extreme, you may enjoy too much this penchant for knowing.

In the third position: There is still work to be done studying the past, before you can integrate the old fully into the needs of today and tomorrow.

In the fourth position: The pitfall here - do not misunderstand the meaning of "living in the present". The eternal now which passes drop by drop with our help contains all of our past and all of our future.

In the fifth position: Some problems with assuming more independence, speaking your mind, organizing and re-organizing for greater effectiveness. Are your correct in your interpretations of past work? Is your work ready? Are you properly organized?

In the sixth position: The heart may have a different priority or timing than you have programmed, a test of will and desire.

In the seventh position: There may be doubts holding you back, but face all these fears squarely. What appears to be left behind now, will be with you in spirit on your journey and with you physically in your destination.

In the eighth position: Check the scope and/or the timing of your program, also the mechanics and physical resources.

In the ninth position: For one reason or another, the heart may be hesitant to support the will in this regard. Considerable

sacrifice of one thing for the other may be involved. Conversely, the heart may be pushing for action through the subconscious, perhaps against a resistant will.

In the tenth position: This is a matter of the degree of efficiency with which this takes place, of how much luggage gets left behind and how far you have to jump to catch the boarding ramp as it was being raised.

The Tower

Situations will change rapidly now. Prepare your mind for the change - consciously choose to release your old way of life now. Do not cry about the past, just accept the changes and make new plans. Look forward to the new and wonderful opportunities that will be presented.

Your understanding will be awakened by the forceful removal of *"wrong"* thoughts. Sudden, unforeseen events will overthrow your existing *"material"* conditions and from this will come rebuilding and understanding, as your lessons are learned and your perception is developed. If you fear your emotions or repress your aggressive drive too long - it will eventually release itself through a violent action - the expression of your aggressive power and drive toward new experiences. Allow your imagination freedom - it is your window of perception through which flashes of insight, intuition and the sudden solutions to your problems arise. Move away from your daily world of habitual living and you will see yourself with new clarity. The unstructuring of your thought allows for the falling away of *"limiting"* beliefs and creates a breakthrough into new dimensions of awareness, where you become the philosopher using your wisdom to defuse the turmoil within yourself.

The *"Devil"* is not responsible for your "self - control" - your ability to never exceed the limits or take things beyond what your *"reason"* permits. However, when you seek only to satisfy your material *"ego"* or indulge yourself in excess and offer no resistance to it - the *"Devil"* seizes the opportunity of your offence to tempt you and urge you on. If you choose to continue the excess - you begin to build up pressure inside as your unconscious Higher Self strains to be free. Your dreams become disturbed and you become depressed - if not released an explosion will soon follow. Explosions result from long neglected or mishandled situations which strike you at the moment you become vulnerable.

The tearing away of these situations is not punishment - but GODs grace, for He will not allow you to stay forever imprisoned in your *"illusions"* and repressed emotions. When you can not free yourself peacefully - the forces of life arrange that freedom for you through external explosions. If you seek unity with life - then you will need to learn to bring out the life energy which is normally repressed by your conscious personality. When you continually block the flow of this life energy - you leave no other way for it to go beyond the barrier of your conscious mind and break free from that which is cutting you off from the pure life energy contained within yourself.

Truth comes all at once or it does not come at all. Release your life energy and you will get past the barriers of repression. Open yourself to the transition - allow your life energy to releases you from the *"illusions"* and move forward into the light - where the speech of God replaces human speech and revelation replaces the step by step knowledge of your senses. Explosions release you from the *"tower"* you have created...they lead you to the light of freedom, clearing away situations which have built up intolerable pressure and leading you to new beginnings where enlightenment replaces your limited view of life.

You *"work"* in order to experience growth. You think and then await the growth of your thoughts. You dare to know - then remain silent so that you might hear. We are all confronted with a choice; we can choose to grow without knowing how or we can choose to *"do"* instead of waiting. To attempt to take our evolution into our own hands and direct it towards a specific aim - choosing the role of *"builder"* rather than that of "watching over". A *"tower"* represents "specialization." What you have *"built"* through the efforts of your lower *"ego"* self will sooner or later be confronted by divine reality. You will be required to undergo the effects of your comparison with it and you will be allowed to *"see"* clearly and distinctly your own impurities. Look at your beliefs and values and remove the ones that are confining or limiting - the ones the *"block"* you from experiencing the feelings of joy. As you come to acknowledge your unworthiness before God - the power of His love purifies you and spiritually refines you.

To meditate is to *"think"* in the presence of God. To pray is to *"speak"* in the presence of God - it is the honest and courageous effort of your *"ego"* to think together with the *"higher"* self. Commit yourself to your spiritual growth. Concentration always precedes meditation which leads to contemplation - your union with reality. Complete silence produces union with God. It is the three vows which render concentration, meditation and contemplation effective. The vow of *"obedience"* - sacrifice of the will, the vow of *"poverty"* - sacrifice of thought and imagination and the vow of *"love"* - the acceptance of Gods grace. Suggests that the major lesson involves someone else, someone most likely close to you, but you are involved in them getting this message and/or in the lesson itself.

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- How are you improving and restructuring yourself and your environment?
- What are you angry about?
- What structures in your life are breaking up?

- What has shattered your complacency?
- What sudden realization or insight have you had?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You have been provided a strong constitution for many will reject the messenger as well as the message.

In the second position: Physical health or work, building on a profound event in the past that brought fundamental change, such as the prison experience of Malcom X.

In the third position: Spiritual awakening. Listen closely to your inner voice. This reading itself is a profound part of your revelation.

In the fourth position: Here was identification at an early age of a voice, a source of inspiration and guidance within. Love for a spirit guide. Strong relationship with self from a past life. Also strong identity with group karma and therefore some members of the group.

In the fifth position: Your mind has been jolted. There has been a mental breakthrough. A creative rush. Things are beginning to add up.

In the sixth position: This is a jolt in your Emotional Plane in the near future in order to get things where they really want to be. It will be a welcome shakeup.

In the seventh position: This could be the mental breakthrough you have been waiting for.

In the eighth position: You are having to temper your actions, saying and doing less (or more as the case may demand if you have been too passive). Reconciliation may be underway. Redistribution of material resources with high emotional content.

In the ninth position: Your heart has been jolted and one of the possibilities is love at first sight - emotions are intense as a result. The nature of this revelation is to cause a change in your emotional house. After this, there should be little doubt as to what the change is, if it hasn't already taken place.

In the tenth position: This is The Tower in its home position and its main message is - listen to your intuition. Do not fear information and shut it out before it can get to you. Let the mind and heart go to work with their processes of validation when you have the message in hand. Every message from God is both specific to your personal needs and general to universal needs. The Tower delivers the messages you have missed and need most to hear.

The Tower (R)

The process of change has started. Do not resist the inevitable breakdown of your present circumstances - let go, do not fight it. Look at things the way they really are - ignore the opposition and you will win the day. To rid yourself of something old or undesirable, you need to literally get rid of it - so that something much better can come along. See the writing on the wall - accept your situation and do what you know is right. Do not wait till the last minute - trying to hang on only makes the situation worse. Clear things up and have the courage to start over.

Your *"ego"* can find a reason for everything - but it is the wrong reason. Allow yourself to undergo the full experience. Trying to keep a tight reign on your reactions may lesson your pain for the moment - but in doing so, you do not release all the repressed emotions. The painful experience continues inside you - never having gone its full course. In trying to shield yourself from the Towers lightening - you virtually become its prisoner.

Enlightenment is a disturbing experience because it disrupts the little false *"ego"* world you have surrounded yourself with. You suddenly see that there is much more than the everyday world with all of its problems - there is an *"inner"* world filled with happiness and joy. You have always been aware of it, but you identified with it on the *"ego"* level in which you always seemed to loose. In the transition from the Tower - you never *"loose"* anything. Your *"ego"* becomes subordinate to your Inner Self and you begin to enjoy creating for that is what truly makes you happy. On the *"ego"* level - you win some and you loose some. In the creative situation - you ALWAYS win because you are not playing any games - you ARE important or you wouldn't be here! Suggests that the major lesson involves someone else, someone most likely close to you, but you are involved in them getting this message and/or in the lesson itself.

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In the first position: You have been provided a strong constitution for many will reject the messenger as well as the message.

In the second position: Either too much or too little attention to a message or event, affecting the physical/material plane in the past.

In the third position: The information you are receiving is not for you. You are an important link in someone else's lesson.

In the fourth position: There can be an over romanticized view of the messages and/or the messenger. At another extreme, someone can become emotionally over-dependant on moments of crisis attaching to the burst of energy felt. An inability to process and early trauma.

In the fifth position: You may still be in shock with the effect of an event or revelation. Instead of clarifying your situation, you may be somewhat muddled. Let nature help steady you and bring the right message through - take a walk outdoors, a bicycle ride or other light exercise, where you can combine the physical and mental planes. Meditation alone to still the mind will most likely compound the problem.

In the sixth position: This jolt to your Emotional Plane may at first not be a welcome one, but time will change your mind. The tendency will be either to over or under react. Simply deal with it as objectively as possible and get on with you life.

In the seventh position: This could be the mental breakthrough that you have been waiting for. It could also be a jolt that challenges your ego and perhaps as a test of your resolve toward your goals. Such shocks can be tests and training to increase your ability to handle fear.

In the eighth position: These changes are abrupt and without warning. They can include accidents, illnesses, loss of employment. If something of this sort has already happened, let this reading be an integral part of your healing process and if nothing of not has occurred yet, this reading is part of your ability to turn that event away from your doorstep, not a fixed fate.

In the ninth position: This heart may be in shock, possibly overwhelmed, but rest assured the feeling will pass. You may be compounding the problem by resisting the obvious.

In the tenth position: Work harder to improve your validation of sources and messages.

Two of Cups

Love that is nurturing, creative, clearly focused, inspirational and equally fulfilling. A beautiful start to a new romance in which you will experience understanding, harmony and deep love between two souls - together you will reach your goals. The seed has blossomed into a tree of appreciation. Good solid ideas are passing between two people. Kindness and thoughtfulness will bind your two hearts together - the feeling of being simultaneously very special to one another, rather than just equal. Expect a surprise.

You are a compassionate, caring person - you understand the healing powers of love and the importance of relating with others. There is a spiritual dimension to your passion - a passionate drive toward spiritual expression. Your conscious and subconscious dimensions now work together. You will experience emotional balance and fulfillment - the capacity to give love as well as to receive love in equal proportion as what *"appeared"* to be opposition is now reconciled.

The beginning of a new relationship - a love affair which will unite your separate qualities and abilities through love, to produce something in your lives beyond what either of you could have achieved alone. Love gives meaning to the sexual drive that leads us to it. Once you unite your action and movement with your emotional sensitivity and an appreciation of experience - you give your life value. You will find success once you have linked your spiritual grounding to your technical ability and explorations.

Two is the number of LOVE - it is the fundamental condition of love. Love is inconceivable without the Lover and the Loved - without ME and YOU - without One and the Other. "God is Love; and he who abides in Love abides in God and God abides in him." (I John 4:16) Wisdom and power - without love is deprived of all worth.

The entrance of *"other"* at the emotional level. Recognition of choice, of alternatives - then the action in relation to that choice. Sex, passion, love and proposals - engagement, marriage and partnership. Harmony of opposites. One-to-one relationships. Recognition of talent as an aspect of the self, yet bigger than self. A relationship develops - one person with another.

Questions to Answer:

1. To whom are you giving your love and affections?
2. How do you nurture others?
3. What is being healed in your relationship?
4. How are your inner masculine and feminine uniting and working together in your life?
5. What are you lovingly sharing with another?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Tower**: There are new circumstances present - re-adjust a personal relationship. Unexpected news could cause pressure or stress.
- **Next to High Priestess**: Your inability to penetrate your partner's depth makes you feel incomplete and insecure.
- **Next to Sun**: Two people will share many blessings - great love and understanding.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Life's lessons will filter through the lens of emotional and creative choice and commitment. Personal expansion through partnering and/or development of your special gifts must take precedence in all that you do.

In the second position: Your marriage may be a true partnership; you may even be in business together. Your ability one-on-one is your strongest asset, the kingpin in what you are building. Healthy understanding of compromise in material matters.

In the third position: Time for selection and commitment. Harmony of opposites. Emotional choice is at hand. Act now in support of your most important relationship.

In the fourth position: True love, romance, life partnership/ marriage are the driving images of your emotions. Nothing is more important to your heart. The program for your subconscious.

In the fifth position: Sexual union, engagement, marriage on your mind. Either the search for the right candidate or formalizing of your relationship if already found. Evaluating what you are giving up for what you are getting; what you are leaving behind and what is ahead.

In the sixth position: Here is the impact on the heart of formalizing your deepest felt relationship on that relationship itself and

that of all your other relationships, as well as your creative processes. Here is the impact of difficulties with or the ending of your most heartfelt love. Remember that this love may not be another person; it may well be a special talent you are meant to foster. It can be anything from any of the four Planes.

In the seventh position: Sexual, emotional harmony of opposites takes precedence in the mental arena. Strong recognition, formalization of relationship necessary before beliefs, long-term plans can go further.

In the eighth position: Sexual relationship of importance. Serious courtship and/or action undertaken to bring about plans for engagement or marriage in the present or near future.

In the ninth position: In your heart you desire to find your true love. If already found, to cement the bond between you. This can range from the desire for sex the first time together to wanting to get married.

In the tenth position: Ready or not, here comes the relationship you have been programming for. Marriage, in whatever form appropriate for you, will be the appropriate move by this time next year at the latest.

Two of Cups (R)

Control your emotions - you tend to become over sentimental and empathize with others so strongly that you forget whose feelings are whose. Control your urge to comfort and heal everyone you come in contact with. Disagreements and misunderstandings can cause a loss of balance in close relationships. It doesn't matter who makes the first move - if you are too possessive or too demanding in a relationship - your own pride will destroy love. The protection of your *"ego"* is not worth the price you will have to pay. Accept that everything can not be perfect all the time and that an "all - or - nothing - at - all" attitude will deprive you of what you need.

Become receptive to *"limiting"* feelings - allow yourself to feel deeply - transform any *"limiting"* feelings and maintain your inner balance. Think things over - put aside your anger and allow a new perspective to develop - deter anything which arises from undesirable external situations and allow your inner peace to radiate outwards. Try not to repress your emotions - learn to emotionally regenerate and revitalize yourself. Recognize that you are capable of experiencing great happiness even in the driest of times.

Difficulty with recognition of an emotional choice or with identifying and partnering with that choice to make a fertile relationship. At the extreme there may be blockage preventing a beneficial merger, hindering a creative process or slowing the development of a talent. Divorce or the blockage of divorce in a relationship detracting from rather than adding to your emotional energy and creative resources. Infertility, sexual or creative. There may be an inappropriate forcing of a talent or relationship - marriage of convenience.

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4. How are your inner masculine and feminine uniting and working together in your life?
5. What are you lovingly sharing with another?
6. Do you find that you are split between what you are doing and what you are really feeling?
7. Are you split between action and emotion - simply going through the motions of love without any care or concern for the outcome?

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: The requirements needed for expansion through partnering and/or development of your special gifts may be very strong. Or, the karmic purpose will be to sort through the difficulties of emotional/creative choice and dedication. Assist in keeping love bonds strong and productive rather than destructive.

In the second position: Too much or too little - a divorce or problems in marriage may be undermining your health or career. Or the opposite, too much attention and time involvement in your marriage or love partner may be hurting your work. An unhealthy pairing.

In the third position: Permanence or condition of major relationship may be changing, may even need to change or it may be too strong and actually interfering with some other aspect which needs attention. You cannot live for a relationship alone, at the expense of all other people or issues.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, these images may be to ideal or too fixed. Or, they may be faulty in some other regard, including being dominant yet weak models on which to build.

In the fifth position: Realize ineffectiveness or over effectiveness, of your love match. Separation or divorce may be planned. Reconciliation under consideration if there has already been separation. May be putting much too much emphasis on your partnership, taking time and energy properly spent on additional things. Or, it could be the opposite of not enough emphasis.

Could be against the idea of union altogether and strategizing how to avoid it.

In the sixth position: Too much or too little - a relationship may be ending.

In the seventh position: You must either take your present relationship in a new direction or you must back away form it all together. You might fear formal commitment or one - on - one relationships all together. Or, you might like the outer formality of marriage all too much, as a cover or protection - without inner commitment.

In the eighth position: On the one hand, going overboard on courtship or marriage. On the other hand, not doing enough of the right things. Possibly the ending of an important sexual relationship, including divorce. Relationship not working in its present form or because of incorrect match.

In the ninth position: The distortion here is complex. One extreme is the heart's abandoning itself to an ideology that it is not in love with.

In the tenth position: Radical change in or the ending of a formal relationship will be best if you want to honor your beliefs and realize your goals. Careful here; the divorce in question may be the one you have with an internal creative program that is not your main talent.

Two of Pentacles

You will experience progressive change now. You have the ability to cope with two or more situations, having learned to juggle them both - but, much more will be achieved once you have made a decision. Think before you act - reflect on things - take a good look at your situation. Be patient - time and reflection will reveal how you are doing and what your next move will be. It is essential that you maintain harmony. Do not allow this change or these disturbing influences upset you. Let yourself play. Be flexible and venturesome - it will provide scope for your intuition. Emotional tranquility brings clarity. You can not see to the bottom of things if the surface is all stirred up. Get away from it all - even if only for a moment. Expect to receive acknowledgment and reassuring news. Stop believing that spiritual development occurs only in serious moments - pleasure and amusement can teach you a great deal, as long as you are willing to pay attention.

Here is the entrance of *"other"* on the physical level. The recognition of choice, of alternatives and the action in relation to that choice. The search here is for means of growth in terms of physical health and security, work advancement, financial reliability. Evaluation is in terms of physical skills and prowess and contribution to well-being. Sizing up, enjoying the competition, be it business or sports. Probing, detection, touch-oriented, extroverted, hands-on. Active/decisive. Tests of strength and reliability. The stirring of responsibility in the hunter to provide for the tribe. Good neighbor. Business, material negotiations, joining - the physical aspects of the sex act without the emotional, mental or spiritual components.

Questions to Answer:

1. What two or more situations are you handling with ease?
2. What are you adapting to?
3. What do you want to change in your home, profession, status, finances?
4. What are you juggling in order to keep stable - money, weight, finances, lifestyle?
5. In what ways do you play and use your excess energies?
6. What calls for diplomacy?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Hanged Man**: Wait for the situation to materialize and don't be so impatient.
- **Next to Ace of Swords**: Re-evaluate new ideas and eliminate unnecessary spending - your budget must balance now.
- **Five before or after**: You are scattering your energies and this is causing confusion. If you feel you have lost something, it will be found once you settle down.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the second position: Ability to manage time/materials and keep many balls in the air serves you well. Your combination of physical gifts and ambition is unbeatable. Even when you loose, you don't loose. At times what you do seems like magic to others. You have generated much good will. Good instinctive decisions.

In the third position: Accept the challenge. Move outward, forward to add to and strengthen your present position. Increase is possible now but only if you consider some new options as variations, improvements on what exists now. This is not a major change, rather a continuation with modifications.

In the fourth position: Passion here is for balance, physical/material balance. To always be alert, on your feet ready to go at a minute's notice to grab the next hook, to be ready when opportunity knocks. To always have what you need, in personal health and resources to manage successfully the next step. To be productive, capable of taking in raw material and turning out a finished product for a profit.

In the fifth position: You are considering options, in physical/material matters. Review of options has already generated a plan. Examine other positions in the spread to see where this idea has come from and to assure its validity for your karmic purpose.

In the sixth position: Here is the impact of physical/material choice/alternatives on the Emotional Plane, on relationships and your creative thrust.

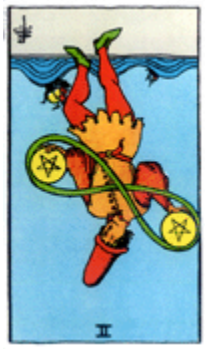
In the seventh position: Physical harmony of opposites takes precedence. Interest in the new, the different, is stirring the pot. An intellectual interest in new physical/material things - new diet, new profession, exercise, investing.

In the eighth position: Whether still considering options or having taken decisive steps, you are enjoying the interaction with new factors/players in one or more aspects of your physical plane - health, security or finances. Your agreement to get on with it

or get it on - will be highly productive.

In the ninth position: Heart considering material/physical options, ambitious to enrich relationships or to advance a creative project. To enlarge what already exists as opposed to something altogether new. One possibility is the physical pleasure of sex, another is the special bond of friendship developed through common effort on a difficult project.

In the tenth position: You will find yourself more agile, more ambitious, more flexible than you ever imagined possible. Here is the street juggler mainstreaming in your life path. All this comes with these newfound talents and extroverted courage.



Two of Pentacles (R)

You are adaptable, easy-going with friends and associates and this makes you vulnerable to the influence of individuals or mass opinion. When you feel life is pushing you around and you don't know where you are going - look around for the deeper meaning to your experience. Note any similarities to past events - then compare them, so that you will have the vision to find a new direction.

You have become overly passive to the point of inactivity. Waiting and watching - afraid to jump into the heat and passion of life and now, the game of life has become forced. Is your disorganization is causing the difficulty? Consider a completely new approach. Faced with some problem or social pressure, you have chosen not to make a fuss - pretending to yourself and others by taking everything *"lightly"*. Things will always straighten themselves out. You may receive discouraging news - but you should keep trying. This is not a time of disappointment, but a time of expansion. Balanced changes in your relationships and work that can re - balance your life experiences. Positive change that is stable, solid and secure.

Difficulties with physical choices or competitive situations. Enjoining the battle, as opposed to seeking a solution. Confrontation replaces competition. Your winning requires someone else to loose or visa versa. Physical importance, a lack of means, of choice in the matter. Too good a neighbor on one extreme or not at all a good neighbor on the other.

Questions to Answer:

1. What two or more situations are you handling with ease?
2. What are you adapting to?
3. What do you want to change in your home, profession, status, finances?
4. What are you juggling in order to keep stable - money, weight, finances, lifestyle?
5. In what ways do you play and use your excess energies?
6. What calls for diplomacy?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Hanged Man**: You must wait for the situation to materialize - don't be so impatient.
- **Next to Ace of Swords**: Re-evaluate new ideas - eliminate unnecessary spending - your budget must balance now.
- **Five before or after**: You are scattering your energies and this is causing confusion - if you have lost something, it will be found once you settle down.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: On one extreme, you could be fanatical in areas fostering the affairs of your physical/material plane, generating problems. Or, you could be remiss about establishing and promoting yourself up to your potential and generate difficulties of an entirely different kind.

In the second position: Not realizing your capacity to manage time/materials and keep many balls in the air has weakened your position. Do not let doubt drain your momentum. Be decisive, act in a timely manner and do not wait for perfection. Each action can correct/improve the preceding.

In the third position: Timing is the issue here. To move forward now will require an unnecessary struggle. Better to wait and review possibilities, work on preparations for confrontation as a contingency. Let time be your friend.

In the fourth position: Desire here is to manipulate the Physical/material plane rather than to work with it to foster harmony.

In the fifth position: You have not been able to generate or decide among options. Perhaps you do not want movement or merger or any additional contact at the moment, preferring the status quo. Or, you could have even generated a plan beyond your expectations or needs which is assuming a life of its own.

In the sixth position: Effect on the emotions of ignoring physical/material alternatives. Sluggishness in any of the Physical Plane activities has a direct cause/effect relationship with the Emotional Plane. You cannot be successful in your relationships or creative work without healthy movement, progress physically.

In the seventh position: Fear of the opposition, of the physically different, of taking the next physical step, of changing routine. At the extreme, this will be an unwillingness to change anything of consequence in your physical plane.

In the eighth position: Vacillation, reversal, disorganization. Any or all of these may mark the present or near future situation. The present situation is not productive.

In the ninth position: The attempt to achieve growth emotionally through something that is predominantly physical is producing some discomfort, even heartache here. Or, the heart is not enthusiastic about a physical/material option.

In the tenth position: Use this re-birthing of your innate gifts to balance, to manage your affairs with subtlety for maximum effect in your environment.

Two of Swords

You are stalemated in your affairs and you don't know which direction to go next. You seek a new approach, but your emotions are involved which make it difficult to decide what to do. You desire to be a peacemaker, so you are reluctant to express your opinions unless you are forced to. Wanting order and stability - you seek to maintain calm through your balanced rationality, which causes you to deny your intuitions. It is the *"conflict"* between your opinions and others which is causing the stalemate and indecision.

There is no confusion here - you have deliberately closed your eyes so that you will not have to choose between friend and enemy - the very choice which is your first step to involving yourself with people again. In your attempts to protect yourself you have closed off your heart - blocked your emotions, trying to hold them within. This attempt to stop your emotions is virtually making you more emotional. You are trying to think and act - not from your center - but from your own constricted emotions.

Seek your solution through your *"inner"* guidance - the answers will be provided and vivid peace restored. Recognize that when you are unable to see your options - your rationality is of no help. Stop trying to *"force"* things to happen prematurely. Listen to the swell of your emotions - then you will KNOW when the tide has turned and it is time to act. Mental clarity and balance may require removing yourself from the action. Get away from it all to see the truth and in this state of detachment and non - involvement, you can see with non - judgmental awareness. Allow your higher consciousness to decide on an action according to the higher laws and values of the Universe. Experience your faculties of analysis - the creative power of your thought. Peace will soon be restored - you will know clarity and balance as you bring the two issues together into a state of resolution. There will be recognition and success - do not allow this situation to upset you.

The entrance of the *"other"* at the mental level - the recognition of an alternative, then the action in relation to that choice. Decision. The desire and ability to identify and understand the other side. Arbitration, debate, defining position or opposition. Objectivity, a second opinion, review, negotiation, compromise, truce, compatibility, contracts, tact, diplomacy. To agree, to unite mentally.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you hesitating to do?
2. With whom do you have to make peace or reconcile?
3. What are you struggling to maintain in balance?
4. What decision would you prefer not to make?
5. What would you prefer not to know about?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Moon**: Worry will effect your health - do not allow your imagination to make your concerns more than they really are. Get a grip on yourself and think positively!
- **Next to Sun**: All is not lost! You will be back in action very soon - hold on to your beliefs!
- **Swords on all sides**: Do not cut yourself off from your loved ones. Let them help you - they will understand. Remember - it is always the darkest just before the dawn!

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Life's lessons will filter through the lens of mental choice and commitment, defining choice and facilitating commitment. Personal expansion will principally involve mergers and partnerships on the Mental Plane.

In the second position: Healthy agreements, liaisons, contracts. Knack for knowing your opponent. Ability to negotiate, to find the desirable compromise.

In the third position: Identify and understand the other side. Mental opportunity. All is ready, decide - agreement is at hand.

In the fourth position: Passion for the open forum, the consideration/;inclusion of all views, the democracy of the mind. Thirst for positive debate.

In the fifth position: Dissatisfaction with the status quo; clarifying alternatives. Mental engagement - agreement with a proposal. See necessity of moving beyond present viewpoint, of the potential of integrating the ideas of an *"other"*. Contract negotiations/signing.

In the sixth position: Impact of mental alternatives/agreement on the Emotional Plane, on relationships and your creative thrust.

In the seventh position: Mental harmony of opposites takes precedence. Interest in other's ideas. Critique for improvement purposes. Important to see and internalize the good aspects of the opposition for our purposes. A shoring up of the gaps in our ideology, in our plans, of integrating the shadow side. Refining your position.

In the eighth position: Your future is unfolding through mental clarification. Mental opportunity, get ready to decide - clarify your alternatives. Contract negotiations, heart opening to other views.

In the ninth position: Heart open to other views, ideologies. More so from your gut or your subconscious than your mind. Feeling, empathizing with the *"other"*, in some cases an adversary.

In the tenth position: The other side asserts itself, alternatives become patently clear where they may have been hard to determine. A breakthrough in negotiations. Healthy compromise.

Two of Swords (R)

Things are happening now. Trust that you are able to make decisions. Release your fear of involvement now, release your need for everything to be *"perfect"* and in perfect order all the time - allow yourself to relax. Your affairs may be moving very quickly, so do not let the pace get you down. Give yourself plenty of time to think before committing yourself to anything. Be sure that you are dealing with the right people and until you are absolutely sure - put off making any decisions. Your balance has been lost - you have been knocked over by the people and problems charging your defenses. The blindfold has been removed so that you can see the truth and communicate. This has been an emotionally shattering experience for you - you will need outside help.

To divide mentally. Extremes blocking mental resolution and progress. Mental impasse, indecision - the mind may be unclear for one reason or another, including the intrusion of the lower emotions. Argumentative. Problem with investigative process, with definition of alternative, over or under the mark. Overly cautious or overly careless. Looking at the wrong thing. The agreement/ compromise may not be a good one. Being totally for or against the other position. Opinionated, prejudiced, non-objective. Adoption of other view in violation of previous personal beliefs. Prosecution. To disagree or divide mentally - to distort or bring confusion.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Objectivity, mental fairness, open-mindedness may be the contents of your crucible - these have been hard for you in the past.

In the second position: May either be bogged down with agreements and conditions and knowing the opposition or you may not be sufficient in these matters. Inability to compromise versus the pitfall of over - compromise.

In the third position: Be neither too cautious or careless in the arrangements at hand - there is good reason for another look at the question. There may be neither enough information at hand, nor the correct information. Be thorough in getting all the facts. Do not ignore the input, overtures of others. This is a time to disagree if you have the slightest hesitation.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, an envy of the *"other"* viewpoint, even another entirely different culture; at the other extreme, a bias toward the position of *"self"* even to the rejection, suppression of another person or culture. Love of one's own ideas above and to the exclusion of all others.

In the fifth position: Either disagreement or over agreement. Mental avoidance. Inability to define choices or if choice is clear, then inability to make a decision. Preference for the status quo, even thought you know it isn't working. Possibly too bound up with formal agreements or the reverse, need more structure, reliability than now exists.

In the sixth position: Effect on the emotions of ignoring mental alternatives. It isn't uncommon for our consideration of the *"other"* mentally to be taken as a flirtation, an emotional involvement and be difficult for our personal partners to accommodate. Many men's preoccupation with sports is a source of aggravation for their mates, as is many women's preoccupation with talking with their friends aggravating to their mates.

In the seventh position: Doubt where unnecessary, unproductive. Fomenting chaos. Criticism for destructive purposes, over-critical. Ignoring alternatives. Beware of bias, self-righteousness, hard-headedness. Fear of new ideas. Mental complacency.

In the eighth position: It is important to review a reversed interpretation for the card in position 10 in order to free the physical plane from the grip of the mind.

In the ninth position: At the extreme, on the one hand we see the feeling for the opposition make us leave our base of operation all together - the dilemma of the traitor, the double spy for example. On the other hand is the callous non-feeling for the position of the opposition.

In the tenth position: This breakthrough to a new position may be very hard work on both sides, perhaps requiring considerable accommodation by one or both parties, but it will come. Conversely, it could me much easier than anyone might expect, producing surprising results.

Two of Wands

Creative expression - controlling a situation through your ability to make choices which create balance, integration, comfort and harmony. Achievement in your business plans - your goals will be attained in work. Success and courage will bring happiness. With the correct negotiation, there could be a business partnership. An important contract, transaction or letter is indicated. You have completed the necessary work, your foundation is good - you are ambitious, progressive and willing to take the lead hoping to improve conditions. Experience the creative power of your emotions - good judgment and ability can translate your ideas into reality.

An unusual and unexpected event will occur now - any conflict could bring loss. Maintain your balance as events arise that will test your ability to judge fairly. When you are in charge you are comfortable making decisions and will stand by them - you may not be able to give logical reason for your decisions, but you feel confident enough to act on them. You seldom turn to someone else for direction - preferring to do things in your own way and take responsibility for the outcome.

Your greatest problem is your own boredom - this lack of a new direction or stimuli. Have a little more patience - organize and bring order to your personal life. Clarify things in order to prevent any misunderstandings. Do not allow anyone or anything to *"dominate"* your thinking for that creates imbalance. Move the way your body wants to, regardless of past learned patterns. You are capable of unfolding into great beauty if you follow you own inherent potentials. See who you really are as opposed to who you are supposed to be or where taught to be. Clear awareness of self is established through a peaceful mind and a calm heart.

You stand now, with the world in your hands - yet, you find no contentment. You are bored. Your accomplishments have walled you in and the world you hold *"appears"* very small. You have become weary and can think of nothing more to do with your life. Your love of battle and challenge has left you with no satisfaction for your actual accomplishments after the fight has been won. You will have the energy you need to move in new directions now. Apply yourself - remain balanced and in harmony with the energy that surrounds you. Maintain equilibrium between your mind and your body, so that you do not act until you need to and this self-discipline, combined with your intuition - will bring success to your enterprises.

Spiritual curiosity, wonder leading to choice and choice leading to more wonder. Alternatives for growth, a selection of potentialities, the entrance of *"other"* at the intuitive level. Recognition of choice, or alternatives and the action in relation to that choice. The quality of discernment. The world is calling you, infusing a spirit of adventure to see first hand what wonders await. The potential for true growth, real opportunity. Having realized the physical reality of the spiritual path, you have been offered and have accepted the mantel of initiate. Through this door you will never return. As indicator of your initiation, the Ace of Wands is your vow to take a vow, dedicating yourself to the path. The Two of Wands is the vow itself, through which you become a bride/groom of the divine. Just as you must *"mate"* on the Physical, Emotional and Mental levels, so must you choose and *"mate"* on the Spiritual level as well. Oaths. Pledges.

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3. What are you competent at?
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6. What options do you have?

Special Messages:

- **Next to Empress or Emperor**: Opportunity is imminent - set your ideas in motion.
- **Swords on all sides**: New vibrations - be sure everything is in order.
- **Next to Seven of Swords**: Sort out your problems now - you are experiencing an unnecessary disturbance involving this situation.

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Lifetime will involve a conscious selection from spiritual path alternatives, with the ability to help others travel with and behind you as your movements will be open an obvious, although they may be subtle. Your disciplines and observations in which you participate with the Divine will most likely be shared by others.

In the second position: Your ability to see the gates open and chose the correct one, makes for efficient worldy progress. Your

sensitivity to your Karmic Contract brings you the supplies needed to build your material world. Spiritual commitment has enhanced your material progress.

In the third position: Yield to your sense of wonder and spiritual alternatives will become very clear. The disciplines, forms of practice and observation, are presenting themselves for review. Your guides will speak very clearly now. Take an oath.

In the fourth position: Passion here is for the path itself with its myriad choices, for what the journey brings the moment it is engaged - a passion that surpasses all other loves. But, this love does not crowd out other loves. It requires the opposite, a multi-faceted experience of personal and universal love.

In the fifth position: The mind begins to recognize itself in the *"other"*. A conscious decision to seek further knowledge, a hunger for the wisdom that comes with closer union with God, the very same wisdom that requires a deeper understanding of self. This choice places spiritual matters at the pragmatic forefront of your mental processes and shapes all decisions from this point on. Raising the standards of your priorities to the highest levels.

In the sixth position: As you move toward the center in your Spiritual Plane, your relationships and creative activities in your Emotional Plane will be pulled into line as well. While all of this centering is positive, it generates change which must be accommodated.

In the seventh position: You are pulled toward your true destiny by your Karmic Contract. This next year you must make major commitments to honor and reclaim as an adult that sense of mystery and awe that was natural in you as a child.

In the eighth position: Content as you are with the now, nevertheless you approach every moment as an opportunity not to be missed. The promises being made now are promises made to yourself, but they may take the form of pledges to anyone/anything you admire.

In the ninth position: The heart begins to recognize itself in the *"other"*. This is where the *"self"* falls in love with the *"Self"*. Your greatest desire now is to taste the thrill of the journey.

In the tenth position: You have completed your novitiate and will be exposed to deeper lessons; greater demands will be made. Remember you have signed up for greater knowledge/ responsibility. You are expanding through the magic of identification. A spiritual engagement/marriage.

Two of Wands (R)

Your true challenge is your own boredom - this lack of a new direction or stimuli. Have more patience, don't spoil things by being over anxious - organize and bring order to your personal life. Clarify things in order to prevent any misunderstandings and do not allow anyone or anything to dominate your thinking. You have lived in this unpleasant, unsatisfying situation long enough - it is time to make a change! You are becoming confined by non - universal, puritanical and moralistic beliefs that inhibit your total personal expression and the liberation of your human potential. You will have the energy you need to move in new directions. Apply yourself - remain balanced and in harmony with the energy that surrounds you. When you jump into a new experience, leaving behind safe situations and past successes to enter the unknown - you liberate so much emotion and energy that you cannot avoid the wonder and enchantment or the fear that goes with it. Allow yourself to experience this freedom!

There may be difficulty in taking this step, in understanding its implications, in choosing the correct discipline for yourself. There may be many choices competing for your dedication or it may be hard clarifying a choice already made. Some of what beckons you must be regarded with care, much as with the calls of sirens at sea. Pursue your visions with a discerning eye, ever cautious that the discernment does not deteriorate into discrimination.

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Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: On one extreme this path will be very public and derive its tests of steadfastness and accuracy from those pressures. On the other extreme, there will be a necessity for a more private, perhaps lonely path.

In the second position: There is still some confusion as to what you have committed to. Impact of spiritual commitments not fully taken advantage of. Clarify your spiritual marriage before laying more bricks. Some problem with the mechanics, the physical observations, rituals and such related to your path.

In the third position: If this fork in your path seems radical, take the time you need and avail yourself of offered guidance to integrate the necessary changes into your habits. If, on the other hand, this fork is very subtle, do not misinterpret the subtlety for less importance. Minor adjustments are sometimes much harder to achieve than major ones.

In the fourth position: Passion for path misleads some to reject an inclusive emotional approach. Another extreme is excess of passion for the path itself, evinced in excessive ritual or asceticism. Sometimes this passion is a rejection of a given path with which they have had an unpleasant contact.

In the fifth position: This conscious decision has not been made in its final form. Perhaps it is even being delayed for some reason.

In the sixth position: The number and/or intensity of emotional relationships and creative changes may be considerable.

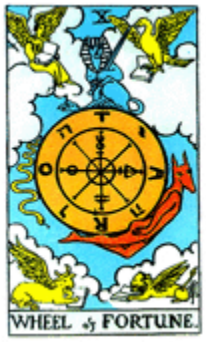
In the seventh position: Work hard to overcome your apprehension of taking the wrong step, of making the wrong pledge. You are signing up for the pleasure of the voyage, not its destination.

In the eighth position: The quality of your discernment is in question. The disciplines appealing to you may be false mirrors and you may be dedicating yourself to someone else's path, not yours. Inability to make a pledge or breaking one already made. Also, this can be the keeping of an improper or outdated oath.

In the ninth position:: Subconsciously you may want this to take place, but it simply hasn't kicked in yet, or - it may have

kicked in and taken over. The heart must use this feeling, not lose itself in it.

In the tenth position: You should remain with your present group a while longer. Either you are not yet ready for your intended projects or they are not yet ready for you. Listen closely for verification as to whether you are aspiring to the right disciplines, the correct path for you. A spiritual separation.



Wheel of Fortune

Emotionally - your strongest feelings are where you will find your talents. Spiritually - to seek your fortune is to grow. Mentally you must *"risk"* misfortune to grow and physically you are rewarded as your talents manifest themselves. Look for new opportunities - change is exactly what you need. Examine new ideas carefully before you discard them. Exercise your strength and prepare to adapt to new and different circumstances. Treat everything as an opportunity. Do it with an optimistic mind, fearless heart and sense of service to the planet and this good karma brings success and rewards to all levels of life. Innovative ideas will result from your past experiences - decisions will be made, luck prevails and destiny will work itself out positively, for you are growing toward wholeness and harmony. First you get an idea, then you get fired up about doing it - you choose a suitable means to achieve it, you are required to go through the "blood, sweat and tears" of the process and finally - you see the results. Maintain a steady pace - things are not always as they *"seem"* on the surface. Keep planting the seeds you wish to reap - they will develop in time. As your inner, mental images exteriorize - new situations and experiences must fit your existing *"belief"* structure. New ideas cause change and you can change or alter your experiences by changing and altering your beliefs. To prevent a *"limiting"* belief from creating reality - you must first become aware of it, so that you can change it according to the reality you want. To change a physical effect - you must change your original belief and as your beliefs change so will your experiences.

Reality is relative to the point of view of the viewers choices. *"Fate"* represents the destiny God has chosen for you - based on reasoning which only He understands. Fate is also an illusion - for with your limited vision, you can not see the *"inner"* connection between all things. You receive a vision of the inner meaning of life - which at the end will become real - embodied in your own being. The Wheel represents the laws of Karma - the simple explanation of *"fate"*. The actions you take in this life, build up a certain destiny for you in the next and if you create a great many *"negative"* situations in one lifetime, you will create the *"psychic"* need for punishment, so you will choose a lesser or diseased body in your next reincarnation. It is only your limited understanding that prevents you from directly experiencing the truth behind this *"fate"* or karma.

Enlightenment is remembering - gaining the full knowledge to perceive that your life is only a *"form"* created by your desires. Release your desires and you are released from the Wheel. The pattern of your life can not become visible until you step away from it. Withdraw to see the whole pattern of where your life has gone and where it is going. Though your body dies - your soul continues. If you wish to release your true self, you will need to free your soul from your *"ego"* habits, fears and defenses. Facing your *"imagined"* terrors of the darkness will lead you into the light of truth. The Wheel signifies change in the circumstances of your life and change requires reaction. Accept new situations - adapt quickly to them and seek their true meaning and value. Pierce through the mystery of the event to find a greater understand of life. For instance - the realization that the end of a love affair - despite its pain, has led to a greater self - knowledge.

Discovery of true faith/trust in God and in self - acceptance. The mind begins to know the spiritual as the mind and heart cooperate and you begin to "pay attention". You begin to realize that you must give equal time to your internal environment and its sensory input as well as the external environment and input from the five senses. A new level of energy and inspiration - a voluntary change. A submission of self to higher authority - turning from a limited, self - serving life to an expanded self - directed to serving others. You only reach this point after you have served yourself well and are as strong and capable as you are willing. The will to take a chance, to spin the Wheel - you now realize there is such a thing as chance. God does not play dice with the universe. Faith is not "*suspense of doubt*", it is the quest itself. The wheel represents the ups and downs even in faith. The healthy act of "*letting go*" is actually an assertion of our will. A balance of give and take at the spiritual level, alternating the flow between that of man and of God. The God in man speaks to the man in God.

Questions to Answer:

1. What life - changes are you experiencing?
2. How are you adapting to these changes?
3. What effects are you feeling from circumstances you put in motion previously?
4. Is there something you need to resolve?
5. How are your horizons expanding?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Here you are at the main gate and a magnificent gatekeeper you make indeed. For entrance into this outer courtyard requires the passing of the word by gatekeeper and traveler alike. This is a life based on the true understanding of faith as the key to the word and therefore its passing.

In the second position: The Physical/material Plane has been structured to accommodate spirituality in the routine of everyday life. Whether overt or subtle, there is ritual observance of your beliefs as you facilitate communication with God through your Spiritual Plane. You may spend most of your time and even make your living in these pursuits.

In the third position: Exercise your vote, stretch the muscles of your free will, for the will of God is favorably disposed. These two aspects of divine will are aligned. Ask and you will receive. But think carefully of all the ramifications of your request. Remember King Midas.

In the fourth position: Here was an early understanding of the nature of faith and therefore of the duality of will. And so, this young heart was able to dedicate itself to God at a tender age, innocent yet experienced and mature beyond its years.

In the fifth position: The mind is focused on God. A state of prayer, invocation, intercession for self or others. Voting your will. A conscious attempt to merge self - will with the will of God.

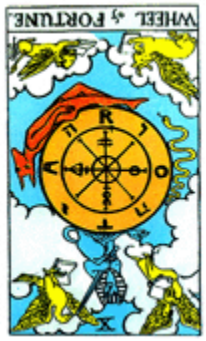
In the sixth position: What do you do when the wheel lands on GO? Here you are becoming a devotee, discovering the full meaning of love. This is falling in love with love, where there is recognition of God in self and self in God and life starts to really take on meaning.

In the seventh position: Test of faith in the near future. A chance to encounter the ineffable and make some sense out of it afterwards.

In the eighth position: Here is faith infused action. Courageous behavior, leaps of faith. The ability to move when your exact destination is unknown, to jump when it is impossible to see the other side.

In the ninth position: The heart is focused on God. A state of meditation. Acceptance of grace.

In the tenth position: One overhears as the gods speak to the gods. There is an ineffable presence.



Wheel of Fortune (R)

Always trust and believe in who you are - even when everything appears to be wrong, no matter how hard you try. Have courage now - be strong and put your thoughts on higher things. When you can't see the way to go - trust in God to turn your situation around.

Re-evaluate your abilities. Analyze everything and ask yourself - "*Will I benefit by this experience*?" Keep planting seeds - you never know which ones will blossom and they all may blossom in time. Your job is to simply keep planting seeds and trusting that there will be results. The clearer and stronger your desire, the more action you will receive as you begin to see the whole picture - retaining the parts you want and eliminating what you don't want. Your greatest wealth is knowing that you are *"complete"* within yourself. Your major goal is to discover as much as you can about your *"Self"* - then work on improving the *"quality"* of your own life.

The more you know about yourself, the better you can deal with any life situation - for the *"psyche"* is the same in everyone. Involve yourself in an active way and things will happen. Anger is a necessary aspect of your *"being"* - you are required to meet it head on, look it over and come to terms with it. The only way you can make changes in yourself is to be so angry with yourself that you can finally say "This has got to stop!" The anger will continue until you finally come to grips with it and do what is necessary to balance it. Never struggle against the events that occur in your life - because life will always win out against the personality who is trying to oppose it. If you are a person who always reacts *"passively"* to whatever life does to you - then this signifies a more important change than just simply a new set of circumstances - it will open the door to a new awareness of the responsibility you have for your own life.

You may be ill prepared for the chance you are considering or you may be invoking divine providence to intervene inappropriately. Expecting something for nothing as in gambling. Possibly an improper "*I deserve this*" attitude. The problems that come from depending solely on "*luck or fate*". A "*mind-over-matter*" school of thought.

Questions to Answer:

1. What life - changes are you experiencing?
2. How are you adapting to these changes?
3. What effects are you feeling from circumstances you put in motion previously?
4. Is there something you need to resolve?
5. How are your horizons expanding?
6. Do you find it hard to accept periods of boredom or routine?
7. How do you measure success?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: You will work to help others find their personal understanding of faith.

In the second position: There may indeed be observance and ritual, but with some imbalance of this archetype here, such as mistaking presumption for faith or assuming faith is a lack of doubt. In severe extremes - on one hand everything is left up to the external God; on the other hand there is rampant self-will presuming that God approves of everything it does, in effect assuming the entire role of God.

In the third position: Even though this is your vote and your free will, it is suggested that you use this opportunity for invocation for the benefit of others.

In the fourth position: Distorted, this dedication may be to only half of the Godhead and so prostrate itself before the altar of the external will of God, or the internal will of man.

In the fifth position: The timing of this process, the method or some other factor may be less than it could be. There may be a mental act of worship that is inappropriate. Too much talking to God.

In the sixth position: Still waiting for someone or something to spin the Wheel for you?

In the seventh position: There will be difficulty in getting the message and/or getting the message across, as you have trouble rationalizing the irrational. A hint: Keep the wheel in plain view for awhile and let it talk to you. It is a transformer that brings the higher energy of the Spiritual Plane down into the energy of language in the Mental Plane just below it.

In the eighth position: At one extreme, there is a lot of action and bravado as if to defy the odds. At the other extreme, is an

inability to spin the Wheel for fear of where it may stop.

In the ninth position: Too much listening. For now, all that is to be said has been said. Your turn.

In the tenth position: The messages here may very likely be for you to pass quickly on to someone else, if you can just find the words.

The World

The joy which results from *"truth"* and the belief which results from joy are the keys which open the door to understanding the world as a work of art. Understanding - a freedom and rapture beyond words - the unconscious known consciously as the outer self is unified with the forces of life. Knowledge that is not knowledge, but rather a constant ecstatic dance of being - all true and yet not true. True unity lies in movement. Joy is harmony in rhythm - suffering is disharmony.

Life is a continuous process of *"becoming"*. You are free to go in any direction - live your dream and you will be triumphant in any undertaking. You are free to choose your own path at last, for you have learned your lessons well. Vibrations are good for any changes you wish to make. You can accept new responsibilities and make others happy too, for you have gained insight, have applied yourself well and it is now within your power to make important decisions - others will rely on you. Never forget what it took to get you here - your consciousness is now ready to reach a higher level.

Implement new plans, the chances for success are high - growth, protection, talent, charm and luck prevail. The Greater You is now ready to proceed. Affirm yourself as simultaneously real both in the flesh and in other dimensions and you will become aware of the existence of the super - conscious mind. Your experiences will dissolve any conflicts so that you can spontaneously dance through the ever-changing beliefs and their realities. Recognition of this state helps you direct energies from other dimensions into your daily life and allows you to assist in the great expansion of all consciousness.

Your energy is constantly flowing, transformed and renewed as you experience love and healing, radiating wholeness to everyone - even those who are not consciously aware of it. Because of the divinity within you - your very presence communicates the loving truth to those around you. Satisfaction, achievement and success - the unification of your *"inner"* being with your outer activities.

You must observe the vows of obedience, poverty and chastity. A chaste mind seeks the truth - not the joy of revelation of the truth. A chaste love seeks union with the loved one - not the carnal pleasure of the union. A chaste mind is sober - it is not swept away by the sweet allure of a mirage. The poor mind seeks only what is essential to the life of the body, the life of the soul and the life of the spirit and an obedient mind is capable of recognizing the "voice of truth" - it is spiritual hearing developed by obedience.

Joy is the root of creation - learning never to confuse the *"intensity"* of a spiritual experience with the *"truth"* that is being revealed. Learning never to regard the *"impact"* or *"force"* of an experience as a criterion for determining its authenticity and truth. True revelation from above can take place as a scarcely perceptible *"inner"* whispering. In order to hear, you must acquire the art of silence, for the Holy Spirit provides *"reasonable"* inspiration - a gentle flow, little by little which intensifies with growth and maturity. In order to develop harmoniously, you must cultivate a balance of the four elements within:

- **1. The strong**: to KNOW with intelligence
- **2. The great**: to WILL with the strength of a lion
- **3. The mighty**: to DARE or elevate oneself with the power of an eagle.
- **4. The tremendous**: to be SILENT with the massive and concentrated force of the bull.

Worldly knowledge and attainment of your mental goals, as expressed in the maximum expectations of The Star. A well - rounded education has been achieved. The World is at your doorstep even as you are at the doorstep of the universe. This is another "anything is possible" point similar to that represented by The Magician (1), except that it is not "anything is possible" as pure potential at the beginning of beginnings, it is "anything is possible" after many tests and lessons learned. This is experimental intelligence - theories that have been proven in the laboratory of life. Wholeness. There is a full understanding of the pattern of the whole in every little piece, the holographic principles underlying our perception of reality. This is the full realization of achievement, as the mind is aware of completion of the Karmic Contract and so is justifiably and properly proud. Here, to not be proud would be to err, for the self - ego is meant to become fulfilled as self-esteem.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you doing to free yourself from the limitations and restrictions in your life or what are you doing to work freely within them?
2. What potential do you see in yourself?
3. In the world?
4. What physical needs must you take care of?
5. What is making you dance for joy?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: Yours is to be a world player, an international figure, even if you never leave your home town. There are many paths to universality. You will be dedicated to large issues and resolution in the long run of metaphysical conundrums.

In the second position: The world may be in front of you, but it is also behind you. You have a broad base of experience, in some cases extensive travel. This is as solid as a foundation can get. You could do your thing anywhere, succeed with any group of people.

In the third position: Look up to see the image of the world to which you want to belong. You are being filled with the inspiration, the knowledge which could transform the world in man's image, in your image, of those things which are best in you. Here then is a look at what is best in man, in you.

In the fourth position: Here was an early love of adventure, as a facet of hunger for knowledge and worldly experience, a healthy desire to know what was on the other side of the fence. This may have centered around heros of mythic proportion, as you wanted to emulate their ability to get things done benefiting not just themselves but whole nations or races.

In the fifth position: There is a justifiable sense of accomplishment, as you reap the rewards of success for past efforts, for having done the right things at the right time. Much of your mental Karmic Contract has been achieved and you will now put the icing on the cake. Your awareness of the bigger picture is astounding, to you as well as to others, for your pride is also humble.

In the sixth position: The near future is a time for great emotional and creative expansion. Your geographical playground may actually improve, but even if you stay close to home, your emotional environment will be huge. The heart is accepting its part of the drive of mind toward universality and resolution of dualities. The barrier between self and other is coming down in heart as well as mind.

In the seventh position: You are externalizing, putting more of self into the other. This has you broadening your scope of interest and involvement. But you are also internalizing, accepting, embracing more of the other into the self. This is the process wherein the ego transcends self, turning the death of the ego into rebirth.

In the eighth position: Your present situation is invigorated with healthy ideas and you may feel literally on top of the world. You are centered on your personal path to fulfillment of your Karmic Contract.

In the ninth position: The heart is embracing large scale goals, identifying with the agenda that includes universal mind. Heart is happy with the ego and its programs and is lending it energy for its growth and transformation into the superego of higher mind. There is enjoyment of success.

In the tenth position: Look up to see your new world as it descends to become your new reality, transforming your environment into a perfect fit, a suit of armor in which you can ride forth with confidence to find your holy grail.

The World (R)

Your movement and growth have been slowed down to the point of being stopped because of your refusal to explore new horizons. You are experiencing information *"overload"* which is creating confusion and indecision. Be willing now to try new ideas or your own fear will create the inability to increase your spiritual growth. You have experienced many lessons in your lifetime - trust that you have learned from them and stop resisting change - it is always beneficial! When you need encouragement - cry out for help!

Try something different, be willing to accept other people's ideas as well as your own. They are here to assist you in whatever you wish to accomplish - they are here to bring you to your heart's desire. Be confident in the process. To make full use of your power, you must first have a clear image of what you want so that you can quickly eliminate anything that doesn't conform to that picture. Remove the emotional blocks. Your *"inner"* voice will fight you when you begin to put road blocks in the way of the good that you could have. You can not ask for anything more than the best that Life has to offer and you must be willing to turn to it with confident expectancy.

You may be at a standstill for the moment - but the freedom and the rapture of the World always exists in potential and will be released when you feel ready to begin the dance of life again. Practice being yourself, develop the creativity that comes from your center and allow yourself to enjoy it. Be willing now to express yourself completely and trust in the Power that gave it to you. Don't worry about what other people say - what they think about your creations is not relevant. The independence of your spirit is essential in your growth, you take the sting out of your inner problems by airing them and recognizing them for what they are. See clearly now that the World represents a goal - it represents hope and intuition - the way to that goal lies in the images of your *"inner"* Self. Accept the mystery and magic of the Universe, have faith in the *"inexplicable"* - see beyond the physical eye. Having missed the mark and either aware or unaware of that fact.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are you doing to free yourself from the limitations and restrictions in your life?
2. What are you doing to work freely within them?
3. What potential do you see in yourself and in the world?
4. What physical needs must you take care of?
5. What is making you dance for joy?

Special Messages based on card position:

In the first position: It may fall to you to focus that large over-viewing intellect of yours on very specific issues that need intense work. The specific cannot be valid unless it knows where it fits in the bigger picture.

In the second position: The world that you have depended on may not be as you left it; it may be changed, perhaps smaller. At another extreme, the suggestion is that you need to pare down the size, the contents of what has been your world.

In the third position: The world can be no better or no worse than we make it.

In the fourth position: At one extreme, this is a dream for a fantasy world or a piece of the real world to be frozen in time. At the other extreme, there is a distortion in the vein of "save the world" or of wanting to conquer the world - to possess it.

In the fifth position: At one extreme, is the recognition that your world is a little smaller. At the other extreme, your world is much bigger than you realize. There may be hubris here. Ironically, sometimes the achievement is noteworthy only to be spoiled by a sense of pride or arrogance that is bigger than the accomplishment.

In the sixth position: With spiritual initiates the tendency can be to attempt working on the whole world rather than the part of it applicable to your path. You must work on universality by working in your little comer. You can only improve the world by improving yourself and the extensions of yourself in your surroundings.

In the seventh position: As the barrier between self and other comes down and the self becomes larger, filled with the other, it must still deal with the habits of the old ego which will try to see itself as not only larger, but in its separate state of mind larger and therefore better. This lays the basis for an ego power trip.

In the eighth position: This may feel like someone has turned your world upside down. Some of your old world may survive this flood, but you should be prepared that some of it will not. What remains is as it should be and you must begin to rebuild on that. In some cases, this is primarily a matter of scaling back.

In the ninth position: Heart is not pleased with the world situation, it aches to see things otherwise and this, in spite of your achievements. In another extreme though, the heart does not agree with your mind's view of the world.

In the tenth position: You are part of the transformation of someone else's environment and you will be a strategic part of their new world.